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TRANSLATION: STRANGERATARU
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YOU'RE WELCOME TO UPLOAD THIS SCANLATION IN ANOTHER WEBSITE. BUT PLEASE WAIT 24 HOURS BEFORE YOU DO THAT. THANKS

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人智を越えた力!!の巻……六九
天空の守護者!!の巻……八九
冥鳳島一番手登場!!の巻……一〇九
死への秒読み!!の巻……一二九
死への舞踏!!の巻……一四九
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YOU'RE OTOKO JUKU'S NEXT GAME!!
SHALL I HEAR YOUR NAME FIRST!!
YOU SHOULD COME! I DON'T NEED TO TELL MY NAME TO SCUM LIKE YOU!!

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CHP. 205: THE SPEAR OF REVENGE!

FU YOU'LL COME TO REGRET THAT WHEN YOUR BIG MOUTH IS STRUCK BY ME.
YOU CAN ONLY DIE.
YOU TOO WILL REPEAT THE SAME FAILURE OF THAT MAN CALLED RAIDEN!!

FOR BEING THE PERSON WHO LEADS THE SANMEN-KEN, THIS ANGER AND SADNESS ARE TREMENDOUS..!!
IT'S AS IF FLAMES OF REVENGE HAVE RISEN UP FROM HIS ENTIRE BODY.....!!
IT'S THE FIRST TIME DATE-DONO FIGHT WITH EMOTION LIKE THOSE..!!
CLEAR AWAY THE REGRETS OF RAIDEN WHO HAD TAKEN HIS TRICK AND ACHIEVED AN UNTIMELY DEATH----!!
WE...WE ASK YOU, DATE----!!

LET'S GO---!!

NUN!!

TAKE THIS!! RYOUZANPAKU OUGI: HASSHIN HEISHA!!
TN: "HASSHIN HEISHA" = "HAIR-NEEDLE KILLING-SHOOT"
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN USE THOSE TRICKS ON ME!!
KU!!
!!

KANJI: DAIOUJOU (PEACEFUL DEATH)

I WON'T KILL YOU YET YOU TOO WILL TASTE RAIDEN'S SUFFERING!!
THIS IS RAIDEN'S DYING WISH
A...AMAZING, DATE!! WHAT SPEAR JUDGMENT---!!
HE...HE CAN KILL HIM INSTANTLY NOW IF HE WANTS TO AND YET---!!
TH...THAT RYOUKOU'S BEEN COMPLETELY OVERWHELM---!!
.....IF THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, THEN CAN YOU TAKE YOU!!
YOUR ONLY CHANCE HAS ESCAPED DUE TO SHOWING OFF THAT TECHNIQUE .....!!
FU, A GOOD SKILLS. BUT YOU'RE A FOOLISH MAN.

TN: "MUGEN TSUIKENSOU" = "INFINITELY EXISTENCE-PURSUING SPEAR"

WH... WHAT ----!!
KUWA !!
WH...WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS----!!
OOOH !!

I...I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!! WH...WHAT IS GOING ON----!!
THE SPEAR THROWN BY DATE IS CHASING AROUND THAT RYOUKOU GUY ENDLESSLY, LIKE IT POSSESSES WILL....!!
HO!!
FU
THE CORNERED PREY PANIC AND LOSE HIS CALM JUDGMENT!!
HAA !!

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HIII
---!!
UH!?

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND YET!?
.....!!
NU!!
LOOK CLOSELY!! THERE WAS A THIN STEEL WIRE ON THE SPEAR TIP
YOU WERE CONVINCED THAT THIS SPEAR WAS AN OBJECT THAT WAS CHASING YOU DOWN ON IT'S OWN WITHOUT REALIZING THIS AND WAS JUST RUNNING AROUND!!!
AND THIS STEEL WIRE WAS TIED TO YOUR BODY.

Y...YOU'RE MOCKING ME----!!
THAT RYOUKOU, HE WAS RUNNING AROUND AFRAID TO DEATH WITHOUT KNOWING OF THAT---!!
WAHHA-HAHA: THAT WAS A MASTER-PIECE TECHNIQUE!!
UHI!!
BU..BUT BEFORE THEN.....!!
IT'S BEST IF YOU DECIDE TO RESIGN!!
HO.. HOLD ON!!
I..I RECOGNIZE MY DEFEAT!!
HAVE YOU COME TO FEEL IT A BIT, THE TERROR IN DEATH?

FUFU. WHAT DID YOU SEE IN THE MATCH WITH RAIDEN?
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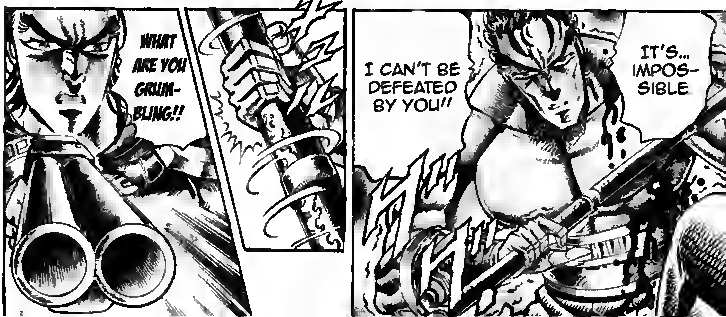
I USE EVERY MEAN NECESSARY TO GAIN VICTORY.
WH... WHAT---! DATE'S BEEN HURT---!!
TH...THAT'S A FIREARM LIKE A GUN---!!

IT SEEMS YOUR GUTS ARE MORE ROTTEN THAN EVEN TRASH.
WHAT-EVER YOU SAY IS FINE.
NATURALLY, THE USAGE OF GUNS IN THIS DAIBUKAI IS PROHIBITED BUT I DON'T CARE.
FU. THIS IS MY FINAL TRUMP CARD.

DA... DATE ---!!
N...NO----!! EVEN WITH HOW HE POSSESSES SPEARSMANSHIP, WHICH IS SAID TO BE A DIVINE SKILL FOR DATE, HE CAN'T WIN AGAINST A GUN----!

YOU'VE ENDED UP WITH SCRATCHES UNTIL NOW, BUT THE NEXT WILL GO OUT OF YOUR FOREHEAD AND WE'LL DRAW A CURTAIN ON THIS MATCH!!
IF YOU HAVE THINGS YOU HAVEN'T SAID, YOU SHOULD SAY THEM.


WHAT ARE YOU GRUMBLING!!
I CAN'T BE DEFEATED BY YOU!!
IT'S... IMPOSSIBLE

FU, YOU STILL INTEND TO STRUGLE
OTTO!!
HA --!!
WHAT, YOU'VE SUDDENLY SHOWN YOUR BACK!!
HU-H!?
!?

THE MATCH IS DONE. I DON'T WANT TO SEE THE MANNER OF DEATH FOR A PERSON LIKE YOU!!
WHAT ARE YOU JOKING ABOUT!!
DO YOU THINK- WITH SHOWING YOUR BACK, I WILL HESITATE TO SHOT YOU?!
NA!!
MY SPEAR WILL TRACK YOU DOWN TO HELL.
I'VE SAID IT.
MU!?
WHERE'S THE TIP OF YOUR SPEAR!?

KYABA
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!!
THAT DEATH IS APPROPRI-ATE FOR SCUM!!

TN:

THIS HAS TO BE ONE OF THE STRANGEST "ENDINGS" REGARDING A MAJOR OPPONENT IN THIS TOURNAMENT THUS FAR. THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME THAT A LEADER HAS TAKEN TWO OTOKOJUKU FIGHTERS TO DEFEAT, BUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES JUST SEEMED DIFFERENT BETWEEN BOTH OF THEM. IN THE FORMER, ROUROUKAN'S LEADER SOU REIGEN WAS JUST AN ARROGANT BRAT WHO BASELESSLY KILLED DOKUGANTETSU AND NEEDED MOMO TO BRING HIM DOWN TO SIZE AND UNDERSTAND THE HORROR OF WHAT HE DID.

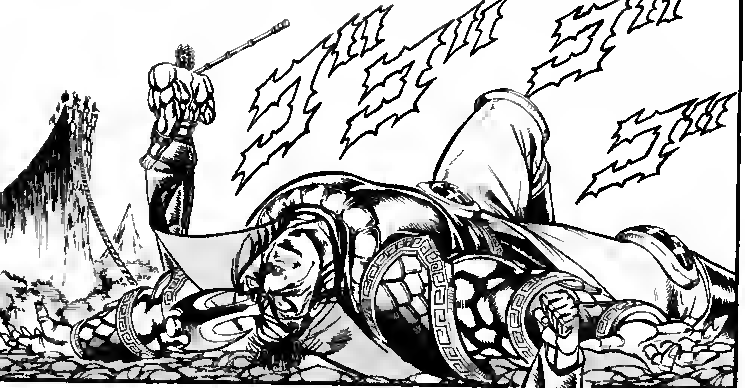
ON THE OTHER HAND, RYOUKOU...WAS SCUM, PURE AND SIMPLE. RAIDEN ESSENTIALLY WON THE MATCH AND RYOUKOU HAD TO RESORT TO TAKING MONKEYS HOSTAGE TO WIN, POSSIBLY KILLING BOTH OF THEM IN THE PROCESS. AND OF COURSE, AS IF HE WASN'T HORRIBLE ENOUGH, THE JERK EVEN HAS TO RESORT TO A GUN, POSSIBLY THE ULTIMATE SACRILEGE IN KENPOU FIGHTING AND SOMETHING THAT LITERALLY BREAKS ALL RULES OF THE DAIBUKAI.

AS HORRIBLE AS SOME OF WHAT TOUDOU AND THE DAIBUKAI PULLS, HAVING A FIGHTER, EVEN ONE WHO IS SUPPOSED TO BE HONORABLE AND A MEMBER OF A SUPER-POWERFUL TEAM THAT WON THREE TOURNAMENTS WITH SKILL ALONE PULL SOMETHING THIS DISGUSTING SHOWS HOW LACKING OF HONOR HE IS IN KEEPING RYOUZANPAKU ON TOP.

OF COURSE, WE ALL KNOW THAT DATE, PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST HONORABLE AND STRANGELY MOST TORMENTED FIGHTERS (REMEMBER SOME OF HOW HE FELT WHEN HE THOUGHT RAIDEN DIED IN THE PAAREN SEIHA) WOULD DEFINITELY MAKE SURE SOMEONE LIKE HIM WOULD NOT GET BACK UP AND SORT OF KEPT IN CHARACTER IN HIS HATRED OF SOME OF THE HORRIBLE THINGS HE DOES. (LIKE TURNING AROUND WHEN HIS FINAL ATTACK SMASHES INTO RYOUKOU'S BRAIN)

THE WAY HE DOES IT THOUGH WAS JUST NEAT, ONCE AGAIN PROVING THAT EVERYTHING WEIRD AND BIZARRE IN THIS SERIES ALWAYS SEEMS TO HAVE A MEANS TO AN END. (THOUGH I NEVER EXPECTED A FISHING LINE MANIPULATING A "MAGICAL SPEAR" TO BE USED BY DATE...BUT IN THIS SERIES, YOU HAVE TO EXPECT ANYTHING.)

BUT HEY, WITH THE LAST OF THE RYOUZANPAKU LEADERS DOWN, THE STRONGEST TEAM IS OUT OF THE TOURNAMENT AND OTOKOJUKU CAN FINALLY HEAD TO THE FINALS. BUT OF COURSE, CONSIDERING THE NEAR HELL RYOUZANPAKU GAVE, WHO KNOWS IF OTOKOJUKU IS FINALLY READY FOR...WELL, WHATEVER THEIR FINALS OPPONENT WILL GIVE THEM! (THOUGH THEY CAN'T BE WORSE THAN EVEN RYOUZANPAKU...CAN THEY?)



AS EXPECTED, DATE! YOU'RE OVERWHELMINGLY STRONG---!!
HE...HE DID IT---!! FINALLY RYOUKOU, THE LAST ONE OF RYOUZANPAKU'S THREE BOSSES, HAS BEEN DEFEATED---!

冥凰島の秘密!!の巻

WE MUST WIN THE FINAL BATTLE, SO RAIDEN'S DEATH WASN'T FUTILE.
RIGHT.....
HOLD YOUR TEARS, TORA-MARU.....!!
UUH, DI...DID YOU SEE, RA...RAIDEN.....!!
WI...WITH THIS, Y..YOUR REGRETS HAVE BEEN.....!!

RIGHT !!
LET'S GO!! TO THE TENCHOU GORIN DAIBUKAI'S FINALS BATTLE-GROUND!
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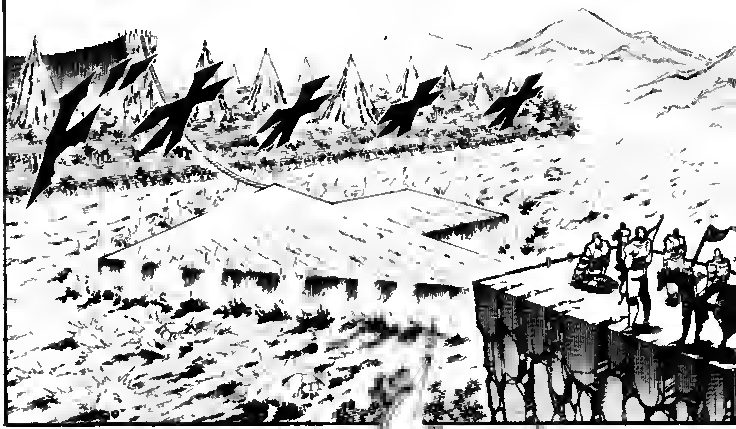
CHP. 206: THE SECRET OF MEIOU ISLAND!!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YEAH, THIS WAS A THOROUGH DEFEAT.
BUT I DON'T HAVE REGRETS IF WE'VE LOST TO THEM.

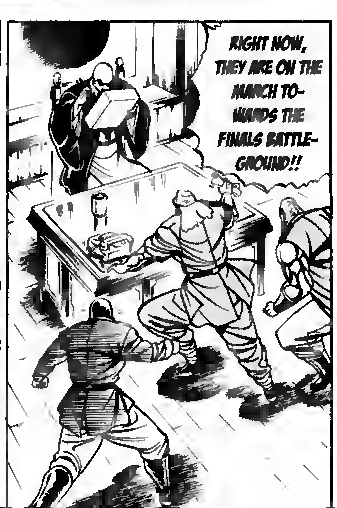
TH...THEY'RE GREAT MEN, OTOKOJUKU.....!!

I'LL DO THAT TOO, SO RYOUZANPAKU CAN BE REORGANIZED ONCE MORE!!

CERTAINLY WIN IN THE FINALS AND BECOME CHAMPIONS OF THIS DAIBUKAI----!!
HE-Y, WE'LL PRAY FOR YOUR VICTORY -----!!

PR... PRINCI- PAL ---!!
WE...WE'VE GOTTEN A REPORT THAT [illegible] HAS DEFEATED THE STRONG ENEMY RYOUZANPAKU, WHO WERE AIMING FOR THEIR 4TH STRAIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP IN THIS DAIBUKAI AND BROKE THROUGH THE SEMI-FINALS----!!
TH... THEY'VE DONE IT---!!

THEY'VE FINALLY DONE IT.....!!

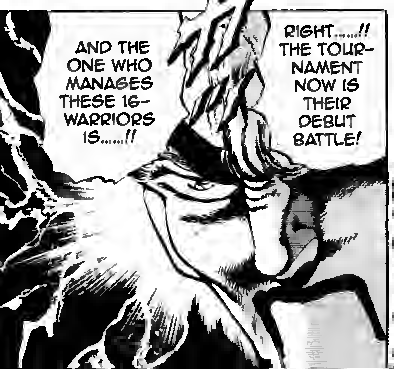

RIGHT NOW, THEY ARE ON THE MARCH TO- WARDS THE FINALS BATTLE- GROUND!!

B...BUT, HE IS THE WIRE PULLER OF JAPAN, WHO HAS ALREADY SOLD TO THE ENEMY THE LIVES OF 2,830 LIVES OF OUR JAPANESE COMPATRIOTS DURING WORLD WAR II IN A BREATH AND SEIZED A HUGE FORTUNE IN WEALTH AND INFLUENCE WITH MANY EVIL DEEDS AFTER THE WAR.
UGH! IF...IF I THINK ABOUT IT, IT'S REALLY BEEN A LONG ROAD TO HERE ..... !!
WE...WE HAVE TO ATTACK TOUDOU HYOUE..!!

WE WON'T HAVE THE CHANCE TO KILL HIM EXCEPT THEN!!
RIGHT..!! THE ONLY TIME THE DEEP-PRECAUTIONED TOUDOU SHOWS HIMSELF TO THE PUBLIC IS AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY FOR THE CHAMPION TEAM OF THE TENCHOU GORIN DAIBUKAI, WHICH HE HIMSELF ORGANIZED..!

HUH ...!?
IDIOT... YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THEM?
NOW WE'VE DEFEATED RYOUZANPAKU, WHO HAD ACHIEVED THREE STRAIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE DAIBUKAI, I THINK THAT OTOKOJUKU'S CHAMPIONSHIP IS ALMOST A CERTAIN THING, BUT.....!!
BY...BY THE WAY, WHO EXACTLY IS THE TEAM WE FACE IN THE FINALS!?

THEIR NAME IS THE MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS!!
THEY'RE THE STRONGEST MURDER-GRAPPLING GROUP, CALLED OUT BY THE ASSETS OF THAT TOUDOU, CHOSEN AS PEOPLE OF GENIUS FROM AROUND THE WORLD AND WELL TRAINED BY SUPER-MODERN TRAINING EQUIPMENT!!


AND THE ONE WHO MANAGES THESE 16-WARRIORS IS.....!!
RIGHT.....!! THE TOURNAMENT NOW IS THEIR DEBUT BATTLE!

SO THEN, THEY'RE A PERSONAL TEAM BUILT BY TOUDOU ~~~~!!
WH...WHAT, THE MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS ~~~!!

TOUDOU MANSION

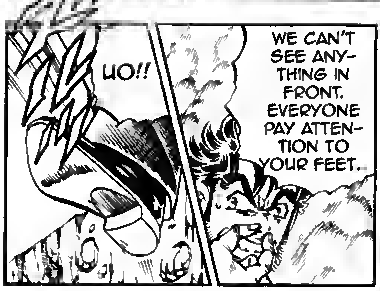
FUFFUFFU. WHO COULD HAVE PREDICTED THIS?

OTOKOJUKU. A NEWCOMER TEAM WE HADN'T HEARD OF HAS NOW WON THEIR WAY TO THE FINALS.

AND VIO-LENCE!!
UNDERSTAND THIS. THERE ARE THREE POWERS IN THE WORLD. POLITICAL, ASSETS...
EVEN JUST A BIT, THEY'RE SOME-HOW PASS TO BE OPPONENTS THAT WILL COM-PETE IN THE FINALS WITH THE MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS
BUT I RECOG-NIZE THEIR POWER.
HE IS THE APPROPRI-ATE MAN TO TAKE OVER ALL OF THE POWER I POSSESS.
THE POWER OF THE MAN WHO LEADS THE 16-WARRIORS IS MAGNIFI-CENT.!!
THEY WILL BE THE ULTIMATE GRAPPLING GROUP IN THE WORLD, BEING POURED AND CONSTRUCTED BY ALL THE POWER I POS-SESS.
WHEN THE MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS BECOME THE CHAMPION, I WILL GRASP IN MY HANDS THESE THREE POWERS!!
OTOKO-JUKU WILL BE NO MATCH FOR THEM!!
AS YOU WISH

ARE WE THERE YET, AT THE FINALS BATTLE-GROUND?
FU- IS IT FINE TO WHEREVER WE'RE REALLY WALKING?

THERE, WE SHOULD BE CLASHING WITH THE OPPONENT THAT WON THEIR WAY THROUGH THE OPPOSING BLOCK.
THIS PATH, WHICH IS SHAPED LIKE A TOURNA-MENT CHART, IS HEADED FOR THE CENTER OF THE ISLAND.


UO!!
WE CAN'T SEE ANY-THING IN FRONT. EVERYONE PAY ATTEN-TION TO YOUR FEET.

OOH- WHAT IS THIS SMOKE ----!!

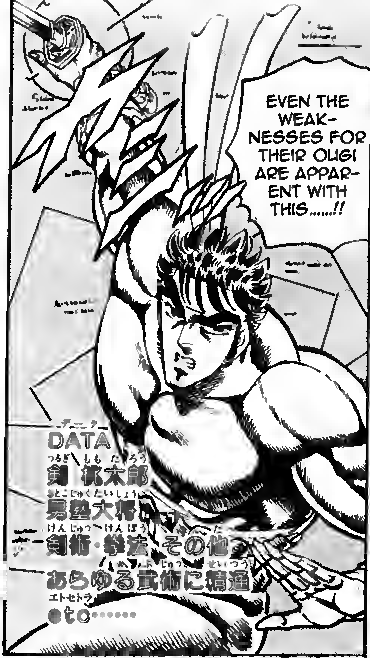
WH...
WHAT!!
TH...THIS
IS...!

SO WE'RE GOING DOWN A ROPE-LADDER JUST LIKE IN THE SEMI-FINALS AND WE, WE'RE GOING DOWN TO THAT FLAT AREA TO FIGHT.
HE, HERE IS THE TENCHOU GORIN DAIBUKAI'S FINALS BATTLE-GROUND.
B...BUT, THAT SMELL SEEMS LIKE LAVA BELOW.

THE ENEMY TEAM HASN'T ARRIVED YET.
YES.
WHAT'S WITH THAT SELF-IMPORTANT HOMELY FACE OVER THERE? IT'S LYING IN WAIT.
THAT'S THE BABOON OLDIE TOUDOU, THE SPONSOR OF THIS TOURNAMENT.
KAKKAKKA! ISN'T IT DECENT FOR HIM TO HAVE HIS OWN STATUE IN THE MIDST OF GENERALLY LIVING AT ALL THIS TIME AND PLACES.
EEE!!
I...IT MOVED----!! TOUDOU'S EYEBALLS CARVED IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN IS GLARING THIS WAY----!
UWAHHAHAHA! ARE YOU HALF ASLEEP TORAMARU? THAT CAN'T BE HAPPENING--!!

THAT'S OTOKO-JUKU.....

THOSE MEN WHO HAVE WOUNDS ALL OVER THEIR BODY ARE 12 ALTOGETHER.....!!
AND YET WE, THE MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS, HAVEN'T SHED EVEN A DROP OF BLOOD TO THIS POINT.
THIS MEIOU ISLAND IS THE STRONGHOLD OF US 16-WARRIORS.
THEY CAN'T THINK EVEN IN THEIR DREAMS OF EVERY SINGLE PIECE OF TRAINING EQUIPMENT DEVOTED IN THE ESSENCE OF SCIENCE THAT IS ARRANGED WITHIN THIS TOWER
RIGHT WE TRAIN THE STRONGEST MEN IN THE WORLD HERE!!
THE NEW HEADQUARTERS OF EVERY GRAPPLING TECHNIQUE IN THE WORLD, INCLUDING CHINESE KENPOU!!



DATA: TSURUGI MOMOTAROU, OTOKOJUKU GENERAL, WELL VERSED IN ALL MARTIAL ARTS, SWORDSMANSHIP - KENPOU - OTHER, ETC.....

DATA: HIEN, OTOKOJUKU SANMENKEN, CHOUJINKEN, KIKUSUI SENBON, ETC.....

PLEASE BE RELIEVED!!
TOUDOU GOUKI NEVER KNOWS THE WORD DEFEAT
FATHER!!
FUFFUFFU: I'M BLESSED IN HAVING A GOOD SON.

OOH!! L...LOOK- SO. SOMEONE IS E..EMERGING FROM WITHIN THE TOWER ---!
NOW, YOU SHOULD COME, VALOROUS MAN OF OTOKO-JUKU.
MY NAME IS REO THUNDER, THE FIRST PLAYER OF THE MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS!!

FOR THIS MATCH, I'LL BE GOING FIRST!!
MO... MOMO ---!!
WH... WHAT IS... THAT!!
THAT SEEMS LIKE AN INDIAN CHIEF WHO AP-PEARS IN WEST-ERNS---!!
IT SEEMS HERE IS THEIR HOME TURF
THE MEIOU ISLAND IS-WARRIORS ....!!
WHA!!

TN:

MOMO GOING FIRST..I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THAT DAY COMING.

FOR A CHARACTER LIKE HIM WHO USUALLY SEEMS MORE ALOOF AND MORE DETERMINED IN TAKING OUT THE STRONGEST ON ANY SIDE (SUCH AS AKASHI, J, DATE, JAKI, ETC.), SEEING HIM TAKE ON THE VERY FIRST OPPONENT (THIS WEIRD NATIVE AMERICAN GUY) IS JUST SURPRISING.

BUT THEN AGAIN IT MAY JUST BE A MEASURE TO SEE WHETHER OR NOT THESE "MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS" REALLY ARE UP TO SNUFF AND SPEAKING OF THAT. THE MERE FACT THAT TOUDOU WOULD HAVE HIS OWN TEAM AFTER ALL THIS TIME JUST MAKES A STRONG BIT OF SENSE TO ME.

FOR A MAN WHO HAS EVERYTHING, BEING ABLE TO POSSESS THE STRONGEST TEAM ON EARTH JUST MAKES SENSE FROM HIS STANDPOINT. WITH THE ULTIMATE FORCE OF MARTIAL ARTISTS BY HIS SIDE, NO ONE WOULD EVER BE ABLE TO STOP HIM FROM DOING ANYTHING HE WANTS IN CONTROLLING THE DARK UNDERBELLY OF THE WORLD AND THE FACT THAT "HIS SON" IS THE LEADER .I'D SAY NEPOTISM BUT THERE IS A BIT BEHIND GOUKI WE'RE NOT GOING TO KNOW UNTIL WE GET THERE.

BUT GOUKI ISN'T THE WORRY NEXT TIME. IT'S RED THUNDER UP FIRST AND MOMO'S GOT HIS HANDS FULL!

THE MEIOU ISLAND 16- WARRIORS. ..!! TO WHAT EXTENT IS THEIR POWER.....!
I'LL GO OUT AS THE ADVANCE GUARD FIRST!!
赤い稲妻の巻

WE...WE ASK OF YOU, MOMO!!
PATHETIC.....!!
DUMBFOUND THOSE GUYS WITH THE NUMBER ONE FORCE OF OTOKOJUKU!!
赤い稲妻の巻
CHP.207: RED THUNDER

FUFU. THE GENERAL IS SENT OUT FROM THE START OF THE MATCH.
RED THUNDER, ONE OF THE MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS!!
GENERAL OF OTOKO-JUKU· TSURUGI MOMOTAROU!!

!!
LET ME MAKE A SELF-INTRODUCTION BEFORE WE START THE TENCHOU GORIN DAIBUKAI FINALS
MY NAME IS TOUDOU GOUKI!!
THE MAN WHO ADMINISTERS THE MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS, THE STRONGEST GROUP OF SOLDIERS IN HISTORY!!
HOU, YOU KNOW THE NAME OF MY FATHER?
THAT'S THE SAME FAMILY NAME AS THE ORGANIZER OF THIS DAIBUKAI---!
WH...WHAT---!! THAT GUY IS THE HEAD OF THE MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS---! AND HE SAID HE'S TOUDOU!!
.....TOUDOU.....!?

I WILL COME TO TAKE OVER ALL OF MY FATHER'S AUTHORITY AND ASSETS.
EVEN PARTICIPATING IN THIS DAIBUKAI IS A LINK IN EMPEROR STUDY IMPOSED ON ME BY FATHER.....!!
SO, YOU KNOW WELL OF MY SOCIAL STANDING
INDEED, I AM THE ONLY SON OF TOUDOU HYOUE, THE DON OF JAPAN.....!!

TN: "EMPEROR STUDY" IS "TEIOUGAKU", A CLASS TAKEN BY POTENTIAL EMPERORS IN LEARNING HOW TO BE A GOOD LEADER AND EMPEROR OVER THEIR DOMAIN

THAT'S NEEDLESS TO SAY!!
YOU SHOULD MAKE HIM REALIZE YOUR POWER!!
RED THUNDER, DESCENDENT OF THE HIGH-PRIDED HOW TRIBE, THE MOST VALOROUS OF THE NUMEROUS AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES,

I LEAVE IT TO YOU.
!!
……
!!
IS SOMETHING WRONG, COMMANDER?
NO, IT'S NOTHING!!
NU!!
WE WILL UNDERTAKE THIS ADMIRABLY!! THE BRAVE BLOODY CHAIN!

ITS LIFE OR DEATH WITH THIS, WE BOTH CAN'T RUN FROM WHATEVER CIRCUMSTANCES WE FALL IN UNTIL IT'S BROUGHT TO CONCLUSION
THIS IS THE ULTIMATE DUELING METHOD HANDED DOWN BY MY GLORIOUS TRIBE!!
THOSE WORDS I ANTICIPATE AS NOT MERELY CONCEITEDNESS!!
FU: EXCELLENT.
YOU'RE FREE TO NOT TAKE IT.
WHAT WILL YOU DO? WITH THIS CHALLENGE FROM ME?
BUT THE ONE WHO WILL COME TO CRY WITH THIS IS YOU!!
WH...WHAT: THAT GUY SUDDENLY HAS A STRANGE MOVE----!!
NOW YOU MENTION IT, LOOK AT IT!! IT'S...A SCENE FROM A WESTERN!

HOW!!

OOH!! HE...HE'S DOING IT, THAT INDIAN GUY---!
HE...HE'S FACING EVENLY WITH MOMO WITH TREMENDOUS CLOSE COMBAT---!!

I SHALL BE ENJOYING THIS A BIT.
IT SEEMS YOUR WORDS EARLIER WEREN'T JUST CONCEITEDNESS.

FU, I HONOR YOUR PLEASURE.
BUT CAN YOU TAKE THIS?!

MEIOUTOU OUGI: WING OF THE DEAD!!
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MU!!

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A...AND SH...SHARP NEEDLE LIKE THINGS ARE ATTACHED TO...TO THE TIP OF THE FEATHERS----!!
WH...WHAT! THE FEATHER DECORATIONS FROM THE HEAD OF THE INDIAN GUY FLEW OUT ----!!
.....!!

IT'S AGAINTS MY BATTLE HONOR!!
DON'T WORRY, THEY'RE NOT PLASTERED WITH POISON!!
BUT IF THEY HIT YOUR VITALS, THEN I'M CERTAIN YOU'LL INSTANTLY DIE!!

IT'S USELESS: THERE ISN'T A MEANS YOU CAN ESCAPE IN THIS VERY-CLOSE RANGE!!
KU!!
UOO: MO...MOMO HAS DROPPED HIS SWORD!!

I WON'T HAVE ANY RESTRAINT!! HOW ABOUT IF YOU TEST THAT?
FU, HE'S DONE THAT SOME-HOW.
WITH THAT, IT'S MATCH.
H'' H''
THAT HAND WILL BE PARALYZED FOR A SHORT WHILE AND YOU CAN'T EVEN GRAB ONTO YOUR SWORD.
A BUFFALO THAT GOES TO DEATH DOES SO WITHOUT RAISING A CRY.... SO IT IS.
THERE'S AN OLD INDIAN PROVERB,
DIDN'T YOU NOTICE IT!!
IT SAYS WHEN THEY DIE, THEY DIE BRAVELY ....!!

I DIDN'T DROP MY SWORD, I PUT IT THERE!!
NU!!

GU!!
THERE'S AN OLD JAPANESE PROVERB!
YOU WANT TO LIVE WHEN IN THE MIDST OF DEATH!!
BRAVE MAN, YOU'VE BOILED MY BLOOD AFTER A LONG TIME!!

TN: THE JAPANESE VERSION OF THE PROVERB IS "SHICHUU NI KATSU ARI", WHICH IS A SHORT VERSION OF "SHICHUU NI KATSU WO MOTOMERU" WHICH IS FULLY "YOU SEEK TO LIVE WHEN IN THE MIDST OF DEATH"

TN:

I'M STILL A TAD CONFUSED ABOUT MOMO DROPPING THE SWORD. WE SAW HIS HAND GETTING HURT, YET WHILE I GET THE STRATEGY IN USING IT SOMEHOW I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS INTENTIONAL OR JUST QUICK THINKING

ASIDE FROM THAT NITPICK, I CAN'T REALLY SAY TOO MUCH ABOUT THIS CHAPTER. WHILE I DID LIKE MOMO'S BATTLE WITH RED THUNDER SO FAR (ASIDE FROM THE WEIRD STEREOTYPICAL NATIVE AMERICAN BITS. BUT THEN AGAIN AT LEAST HE IS TREATED WITH MORE RESPECT THAN, SAY, GERONIMO FROM "KINNIKU-MAN"), IT IS OBVIOUS THAT HE IS MORE INTERESTED IN GOUKI, CONSIDERING THEIR LITTLE INTERCHANGE BEFORE THE MATCH.

SEEING THOSE TWO TOGETHER JUST FELT MORE LIKE SPARKS FLYING..AND RED THUNDER IS MERELY A POWERFUL INCONVE-NIENCE IN GETTING TO THAT FINAL CLASH OF LEADERS (WELL HIM AND ANYTHING ELSE THIS TEAM THROWS AT THEM BEING IT'S THE FINALS AND ALL)

THIS HOLY WATER WILL CURE MY WOUNDS AND QUIET MY HEART THAT BOILS OF ANGER!!
THIS IS THE SACRED WATER OF THE RIMZON RIVER, THE MOTHER OF MY NATIVE HOME.
IT'S LIKE THE MAGIC KETTLE IN RUGBY.
FU, THAT'S CONVE-NIENT WATER
IN THE "MAGIC KETTLE" IS IN REFERENCE TO AN OLD TRADITION IN JAPANESE RUGBY WHERE THE TEAMS KEPT A KETTLE OF WATER TO REFRESH THEM DURING A MATCH.

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CHP. 208: POWER THAT SURPASSES INTELLECT!!
人智を越えた力!!の巻

IT SEEMS MY BODY HAS GOTTEN WARM AT LAST!!
NUU!!
!!
GU!!

Y...YOU!!
NUHA!!
HIS FIGHT UNTIL NOW HAON'T PASSED WARMING-UP EXERCISES!!
THAT'S HIS TRUE POWER.
HE'S...FIGHTING AND FIGHING THAT INDIAN GUY WITH CONSECUTIVE ATTACKS WE CAN'T SEE WITH OUR EYES-----!!
HOO: A...AMAZING. MOMO'S MOVEMENTS HAVE BECOME GREAT SUDDENLY----!!
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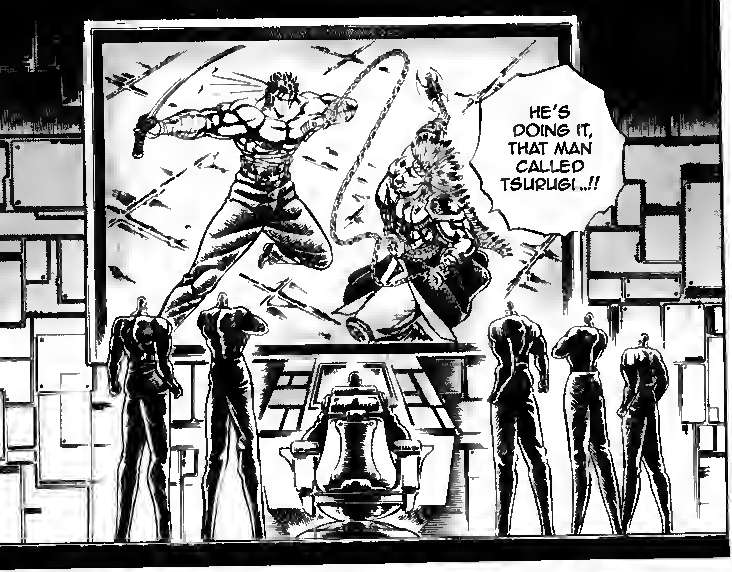
HE'S DOING IT, THAT MAN CALLED TSURUGI..!!

BUT, CAN HE WIN THIS MATCH?
FU: THAT SEEMS TO BE SO.
RED THUNDER STILL HAVE A SECRET TECHNIQUE THAT BEYOND IMAGINATION.....!!

WITH THAT LEVEL OF SKILL, WE CAN GET A SATISFYING MATCH FOR OURSELVES FROM HERE ON AHEAD.
THAT MAN IS THE SUPREME COMMANDER OF OTOKOJUKU.

NUU!!
WHAT WILL YOU DO, DO YOU INTEND TO KEEP FIGHTING!?
IF I CAN, I DON'T WANT TO TAKE YOUR LIFE
.....WHAT ARE YOU JOKING ABOUT...
BUT HERE'S WHERE I MUST BECOME SERIOUS!!

!!
YOU SHOULD SEE THIS, THIS GREAT POWER GIFTED TO MY TRIBE FROM THE GOD OF THE SKY!!
AND THE TECHNIQUES THAT IS THE ORIGIN OF MY NAME, RED THUNDER!!
HAA !!
WH. WHAT; THAT INDIAN GUY IS IN THAT STRANGE STANCE ---!!
IT'S FI- NALLY HERE
A. POWER GIFTED FROM THE GOD OF THE SKY~~~!!
YES!

MEIOUTOU OUGI: DEVILS' RED THUNDER!!
MU!!
NA!!

GUWA !!
OOOH!!
HOW!!
WHA!!
GUFU !!
WH... WHAT'S WRONG, MOMO!!

DO YOU REALIZE, THE POWER OF DEVILS' RED THUNDER!!
IT'S..AS IF SOMETHING SURGED OUT TRANSMITTED FROM HIS FINGERTIPS TO THE CHAIN....!!
WH..WHAT IS THIS, THIS INTENSE PAIN RUNNING THROUGH MY WHOLE BODY NOW....!!
YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT JUST ONCE...!!
NOW YOU SHOULD RELISH IT ONCE AGAIN!!

NUGHOO
!!

GUHA !!
N.. NOW I KNOW
THE . THE TRUE FORM OF THAT DEVILS' RED THUNDER ... . !!
RIGHT, THE THUNDER HAS BECOME MY POWER .....!!
IT IS ALREADY CERTAIN DEATH FOR YOU...!!

WH...WHAT! KYOU HATSU RAIJINKEN .....!!

I...I'M CERTAIN OF IT, I'M SURE THAT'S KYOUHATSU RAIJINKEN, A CHINESE KENPOU!!

THE POWER OF THUNDER-----!! WH...WHAT EXACTLY DOES THAT MEAN-----!

HOO: I...I DON'T BELIEVE THIS, MOMO'S BEEN HURT -----!!

KYOUHATSU RAIJINKEN. AS IT IS WIDELY KNOWN, THERE NATURALLY EXISTS IN GREAT NUMBERS CREATURES WHICH POSSESS A POWER GENERATION INSTRUMENT WITHIN THEIR BODIES LIKE THE ELECTRIC EEL AND THE ELECTRIC JELLYFISH. EVEN WITHIN THE BLOOD OF HUMANS, THERE IS CONTAINED AN IONIC SUBSTANCE THAT CARRIES AN ELECTRIC CURRENT, THOUGH IT IS MINISCULE.

KYOUHATSU RAIJINKEN IS SAID TO BE A SECRET WITHIN SECRET CHINESE KENPOU WHERE THIS CAN BE AMPLIFIED THROUGH TRAINING, BECOMING A POWERFUL ELECTRIC CURRENT AND CAN FALTER AN ENEMY THROUGH THE EXCITEMENT, DEFEATING THEM. ITS FOUNDER SHI BIREI, WHO BECAME A LEGEND, WAS SAID TO WREATHE A COPPER WIRE ON A BEAR OVER 10 SHAKU IN HEIGHT AND ELECTROCUTE IT TO DEATH WITH ONE BLOW OF THIS. IN PASSING: EVEN IN THE PRESENT, THE WORD "SHIBIRERU" WHERE YOU ARE DEEPLY EXCITED, HAS IT'S ORIGIN IN THE NAME OF SHI BIREI.

-FROM "THE GREAT REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY OF THE ELECTRIFICATION OF CHINA", MINMEI PUBLISHING

CAPTION: SHIBIREDASHIMA EEL
(PLACE OF ORIGIN: AFRICA)

ITS SINK OR SWIM..... THE PATH REMAINING IS ONE!!

IT'S USE-LESS WITH HOW MANY WOUNDS YOU'VE INFLICTED ME!!
WHAT YOU CUT WITH THAT BLOW NOW WERE JUST MY SHOES AS YOU SEE.
THANKS TO THAT, MY SHOES HAVE COME TO BE OF NO USE

GU!!
YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED!!
I WILL RELEASE THE ULTIMATE LIMIT OF POWER I POSSESS AND IT WILL SEND YOU TO OBLIVION!!
NO...MOMO, CUT THE CHAIN---!! IF YOU DO THAT, HE CAN'T COME TO TRANSMIT HIS ELECTRIC CURRENT!
IF YOU HAD YOUR SWORD, TH...THEN IT'S EASY TO CUT THAT CHAIN!!

MO. MOMO .....
IT'S A DUELING METHOD I'M UNDERTAKING ON THIS OCCASION——!! I..I WILL FINISH THIS TO THE END!
I..I DON'T HAVE A REASON TO DO THAT.....!!
YOU SPEAK WELL, NOW, PREPARE TO DIE----!!

YOU CAN'T DEFEAT ME WITH THIS.
LOOK CLOSELY AT YOUR FEET.
WHAT!?
WHAT IS THIS WATER!!
THE HOLY WATER YOU POSSESS SCATTERED ON THE GROUND.
!!
YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS!!

HUH!! WH...WHAT ---!!
THE EMITTED ELECTRIC CURRENT IS TRANSMITTING TO THE WET GROUND, RETURNING TO ME---!
IT..SEEMS YOU'VE FORGOTTEN; WA...WATER TRANSMITS ELECTRIC CURRENTS!!

HAA !!
UGOO !!
WHAT HOLY WATER.
YOUR COMPLAINT SHOULD BE SAID TO THE GOD OF THE RIMZON RIVER!!

TN:

OH OTOKOJUKU, YOU NEVER CEASE TO AMAZE ME ON THE INSANE EXTENT OF CHINESE KENPOU STYLES YOU CAN COME UP WITH. WHILE IT IS SOMEWHAT KNOWLEDGEABLE THAT HUMANS DO HAVE THE POWER OF ELECTRICITY RUNNING INTO THEIR BODIES (INCLUDING THE IONIC NATURE OF FLUIDS RUNNING WITHIN...EVER HEARD OF ELECTROLYTES?), THE FACT THAT EVEN THAT CAN BE HONED INTO SUPER-ELECTRICAL POWERS FOR USE IN FIGHTING IS SOMETHING ONLY THE WEIRDNESS OF THIS SERIES CAN COME UP WITH.

MEANWHILE, THE FACT THAT THE ELECTRIC POWERS WORKED AGAINST RED THUNDER IN A WAY I KNEW WOULD HAPPEN...BUT NOT QUITE. I DID FIGURE SOMEHOW THAT THE WATER FROM THE RIMZON RIVER WOULD BE CRUCIAL IN WHAT LEADS TO THE SHOCKING...BUT I DION'T EXPECT THAT IT WOULD ALSO BE TIED TOWARDS MOMO ATTACKING THE NATIVE'S SHOE, LEADING TO HIS BARE FOOT TO GET SOAKED IN THE WATER AND THUS TAKE THE SHOCK IN ELECTROCUTING HIM. THOUGH...IT WAS NEAT SEEING MOMO WITHSTAND THE SHOCKINGS UP TO THAT MOMENT, EVEN IF YOU DO HAVE TO SOMETIMES WONDER HOW MUCH EVEN HE CAN TAKE. (YEAH HE IS THE LEADER BUT EVEN HE HAS TO HAVE LIMITS SOMEHOW...THEN AGAIN CONSIDERING THAT HE NEARLY DIED AGAINST PHARAOH, RED THUNDER FEELS LIKE NOTHING)

A...AS EXPECTED OF YOU, MOMO---!! USING THE WATER SCATTERED ON THE GROUND FOR THE ELECTRIC CURRENT EMITTED BY HIM AND CONVERSELY SENDING IT BACK---!
HE...HE DID IT---!! THE INDIAN GUY HAS BEEN ELECTROCUTED TO DEATH BURNED BLACK--!
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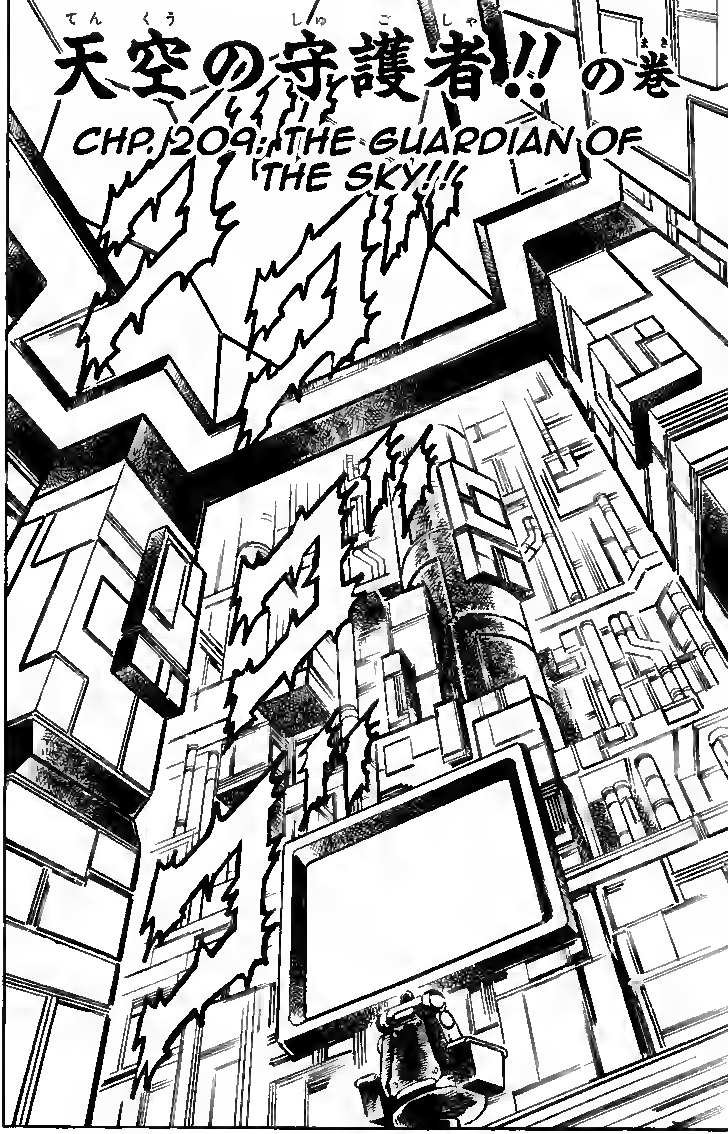
CHP.209: THE GUARDIAN OF THE SKY!!



WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS, GOUKI!!

I'VE SAID THAT IT IS UNFORGIVABLE TO HAVE ANY KIND OF FAILURE IN THIS TENCHOU GORIN DAIBUKAI FINAL
AND YET THIS APPEARANCE....!! YOU ALREADY LOST FROM THE START

WHY IS OUR MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS THE STRONGEST GROUP OF SOLDIERS IN HISTORY..!?
THE ANSWER WILL BE TAUGHT FROM HERE.. TAUGHT BY RED THUNDER!!
WHAT'S THAT!?
YOU'RE SHOWING YOUR AGE FATHER.

WH...WHAT THE WEATHER IS SUDDENLY STORMY.
HIE---!! HEY, I HATE THE THUNDER---!
HE-Y, MOMO!! THE MATCH IS ALREADY OVER. HURRY AND COME ON BACK---!
YOU MUST TREAT THOSE WOUNDS QUICKLY!!

!!
GU!!

M...MY GUARDIAN DEITY IS THE THUNDER IN THE SKY.....!
AND THIS GOD IS SENDING ITS YELL....!! FI_FIGHT, RED THUNDER.. YOU WILL KILL!!

IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH ELECTRIC CURRENT IS EMITTED TO ME.
I...I DON'T BELIEVE THIS, HE'S DIRECTLY TAKING THAT LARGE ELECTRIC CURRENT!!
WH...WHAT---!! RED THUNDER HASN'T DIED!! HE'S STILL ALIVE---!
FU, YOU'RE A TOUGH MAN.
I CAN'T BE UNPREPARED IN TAKING YOUR MOVEMENTS.

CHI!!
WHY ARE YOU SO HAPPY? IT'S JUST THIS ONE FEATHER.....
FU FU FU .....
UH!!

WH...WHAT, WHAT'S WRONG, MOMO!!
HE...HE'S SUDDENLY IN PAIN BY JUST BEING STABBED WITH ONE FEATHER---!!
GUKU KU!!

Y...YOU .....!!
THIS AGAINTS MY PRIN-CIPLES, BUT I PLASTERED POISON ON THE FEATHER
DON'T THINK BADLY, THIS TOO IS FOR THE VICTORY OF THE MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS ...!!

WITH THAT, THE MATCH IS COMPLETELY REVERSED---!!
GUFU!!
MOMO !!
THAT'S...DIRTY, INDIAN GUY!! THOUGH YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T USING POISON ON YOUR FEATHERS---!

THAT TOO DEPENDS ON TIME AND SITUATION----!!
UGH!!

YOU ARE NEGLIGENT. YOU WERE CONVINCED I WAS DEAD AT THAT MOMENT...
AND TURNED YOUR BACK WITHOUT ASCERTAINING LIFE OR DEATH!!
I...I KNEW YOU WERE ALIVE.
I, IF I COULD, I HAON'T WANTED TO KILL YOU...!!
WHAT .....!?

TN: "NITOURYUU" = "TWO-SWORD STYLE"

WHAT CAN YOU DO IN THAT STATE, WITH POISION CIRCULATING AND DEEP WOUNDS?
THAT IS ABSURD.
I CAN ALREADY SEE YOUR DEFEAT --!!

GAHA!!

EVEN IF YOU COME TO HAVE TWO OR THREE SWORDS, YOU CAN'T USE IT ON ME!!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, IS YOUR NITOU-RYUU COMPLETELY GRAND-STANDING?

MOMO'S MOVEMENTS— THEY AREN'T THE MOVEMENTS THAT ARE FOR ATTACKING WITH TWO SWORDS!!
WRONG ....!!
HUH!?
NO!! IT'S...IT'S AS HE SAID AFTER ALL: MOMO NOW CAN'T EVEN UTILIZE HIS NATURAL POWER EVEN WITH KITOU-RYUU!
UOO!! A...AT THIS RATE, MOMO WILL BE KILLED!
WA... WAITING FOR SOMETHING ....!?
IT'S..AS IF HE'S WAITING FOR SOMETHING.
YES...
NUGH!!

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PREPARE YOURSELF, IT'S TIME TO END THIS
THE ONE WHO NEED TO PREPARE IS YOU, RED THUNDER!!
I CAN'T LOSE AS LONG AS I POSSESS THE GUARDIAN DEITY OF THE SKY---!!
WHAT ARE YOU JOKING ABOUT!!

NU!!
HOO, YOU THREW YOUR SMALL SWORD.
BUT THAT THING IS EQUAL TO A MOSQUITO BITE.
NP WHAT'S THAT CORD.....!?
TH...THAT STEEL WIRE IS LINKED TO THE LONG SWORD.....!!
NA!?

HA!!
GYAGOO
!!

EVEN YOU CAN'T ENDURE IT
FROM WHEN YOUR BELIEFS BENT AND YOU PAINTED POISON ON THE FEATHER ……!!
YOU'VE BEEN DESERTED BY YOUR GUARDIAN DEITY..!!
HO..HOW COULD THE THUNDER, MY GUARDIAN DEITY ……!!
UH... I...IMPOSSIBLE ..

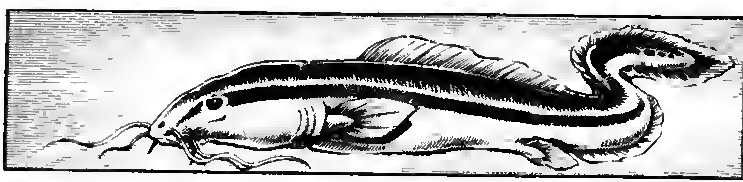
TN:

LOOKING BACK NOW THAT THE MATCH IS OFFICIALLY OVER, I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT RED THUNDER WAS A TRAGIC CHARACTER. YEAH HE WAS A JERK AND PERFORMED VERY STUPID THINGS AT THE END (LIKE THE POISONED FEATHER), BUT IN A WAY HE WAS A MAN TORN BETWEEN TWO ASPECTS: HIS HONOR AND THE MATCH

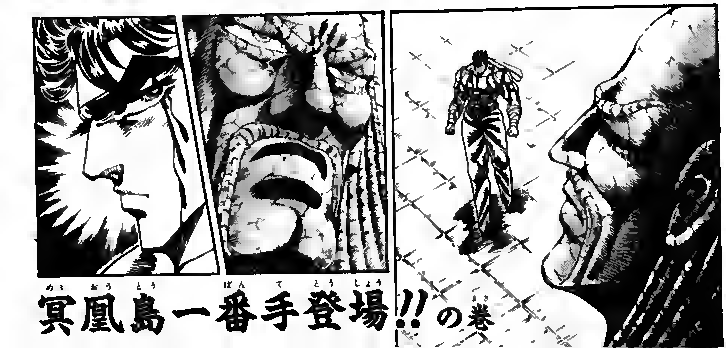
WHILE THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT GOUKI OR TOUDOU WOULD HAVE LET HIM LIVE IF HE LOST TO MOMO AND DIDN'T PERFORM THAT STUNT, BUT HE WOULD HAVE FOUGHT AND EVEN DIED WITH HONOR AND RESPECT, A TRUE WARRIOR BEFITTING TO HIS NATURE. BUT AS MOMO SAID: THE MOMENT HE ABANDONED HIS HONOR TO SECURE THE MATCH FOR HIS TEAM WAS THE MOMENT HE CROSSED THAT TENUOUS LINE THAT LEAD TO HIS DEATH.

I DON'T WANT TO REALLY START A "THEOLOGY VS HUMANITY" LESSON HERE BUT I GUESS YOU HAVE TO TAKE IT FROM RED THUNDER'S PERSPECTIVE: BEING FROM A TRIBE WHO HAD STRONG FAITH IN THEIR GODS, HE WAS TAUGHT THROUGH THEM TO PERFORM AND FIGHT WITH HONOR. THE MOMENT HE ABANDONED THIS HONOR FOR TOUDOU AND HIS CROOKED MEANS WAS THE MOMENT HE SEALED HIS OWN FATE.

BTW: I WAS ABOUT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT MOMO HAVING TWO SWORDS BUT I THINK I REMEMBER HIM USING HIS SHORT SWORD ONCE BEFORE BUT NOT IN A LONG TIME, THEREFORE IT SORT OF WORKED FOR HIM . AND WASN'T JUST ANOTHER "MATTER OF CONVENIENCE" LIKE AKASHI BORROWING HIS SWORD BUT HEY, THE FIRST MATCH OF THE FINALS IS OVER. AND WHO KNOWS WHO WILL BE FIGHTING NEXT IF THIS IS TOUDOU'S ULTIMATE "ALL-STAR TEAM!" (LET ALONE WHO ON OTOKOJUKU'S SIDE WILL GO. HECK IF MOMO TOOK FIRST CRACK AT THE MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS ..THEN WHO IS NEXT, TOSASHI?)



WELL IT'S A GOOD SIGN FOR THE START OF THE TENCHOU GORIN DAIBUKAI FINALS---!!
WUHHAHA, Y...YOU'VE DONE IT, MOMO! NOW I'M CERTAIN THAT YOU'VE ENDED THE LIFE OF RED THUNDER---!!



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CHP. 210: ENTER MEIOU ISLAND'S FIRST PLAYER!!

HE WAS UNPREPARED, THAT RED THUNDER,
HE WAS CAUGHT AT THE LAST MINUTE IN THAT LAST RESORT OF GUIDING THUNDER WITH TWO SWORDS.
A LAST RESORT, " ARE YOUR EYES KNOT-HOLES?
HUH!?

"

HE KNOWS THAT WE WERE WATCHING AND DID THAT SO WE WOULDN'T PERCEIVE ALL OF HIS POWER.
THE NITOURYUU OF THAT MAN TSURUGI. HE CAN EASILY DEFEAT RED THUNDER WITH THOSE BLADES BUT HE DIDN'T DO AS SUCH."

DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE THEM, YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE POWER OF THOSE OTOKO-JUKU MEN
NOW, WHO WILL BE THE NEXT TO GO!!
HE'S A DREAD-FUL MAN.
I FEEL A FATED SOME-THING WITH HIM.
Y, YOU'RE ……!!
THAT DUTY WILL BE LEFT TO ME.
WELL, YOU SHOULD DO WHAT YOU LIKE.
FU. I'VE SAID DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE THEM, BUT, I THINK A MAN OF YOUR EXTENT DOESN'T NEED TO FIGHT SO SOON. . !!

KNOW I AM GRATEFUL, COMMANDER.
OOH, THAT WAS AN AMAZING MATCH, MOMO!!
I WAS COMPLETELY STRUCK WITH TERROR WITH WHAT WOULD HAPPEN FOR A MOMENT!!
YOU SHOULD TREAT YOUR WOUNDS QUICKLY!!
BUT FOR MOMO TO BE TORMENTED TO THIS FAR BY AN OPPONENT...
THE MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS...THEY'RE DIFFERENT FROM OUR ENEMIES UNTIL NOW.
N----!!
I....LOOK---!! SOMEONLY HAS EMERGED FROM WITHIN THE TOWER ALREADY---!
AFTER THAT INDIAN GUY, I'M CERTAIN HE'S A MUCH MORE RUGGED GUY----!!

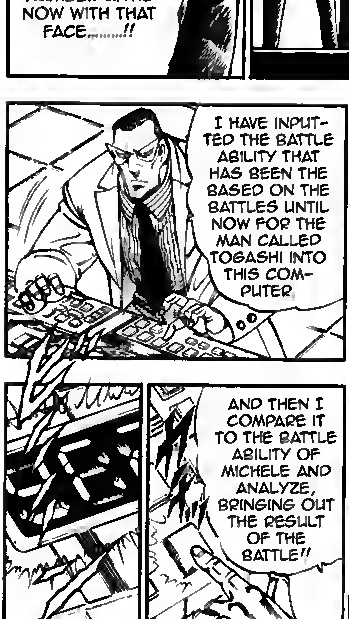
WH...WHAT!!
H...HE'S OUR
NEXT OPPO-
NENT?!

WHO IS GOING TO BE MY OPPONENT, GENTLEMEN OF OTOKO-JUKU...!!
MY NAME IS MICHELE THE BLACK ROSE OF THE MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS.
KAKKAKAKA: I'M NOT AFRAID WITH OPPONENT LIKE THIS----!!
WAHHAHA: L...LOOK AT THAT..IT'S A GHY WHO LOOKS LIKE HE WAS STOLEN FROM A SHOUJO MANGA------!!
HEH, TAKE HIM TO-GASHI!!
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO HAVE EVEN ANY PRIDE IN WINNING AGAINST THAT FRAIL OKAMA-CHAN!!
YOSSHAA, LEAVE THIS HERE TO ME!!

CLEARLY HE'S TOO HEAVY A BURDEN FOR TOGASHI.
IS THIS FINE, MOMO...!! I FEEL AN ALARMING UNEARTHLY THING IN THAT MAN MICHELE.
OOH!! YOU CAN DO IT---!
SH...SHUT UP!! AS LONG AS IT'S MY TURN, I DON'T CARE WHAT HE IS!!
FU, I DON'T THINK AS SUCH.
WATCH THIS!! FIVE MINUTES; I'LL SETTLE THIS IN FIVE MINUTES----!
HE IS THE FACE OF OTOKO-JUKU!!
TOGASHI HIDES A POWER THAT EXCEEDS IN THAT.
IF YOU'VE COME THIS FAR, THEN THERE ISN'T A MATCH THAT IS JUST TECHNIQUES AND SKILLS.

GUE!!
I'M TOGASHI GENJI, OTOKOJUKU FIRST-YEAR!!
VULGAR AND RUDE ....I DO NOT LIKE PEOPLE LIKE THAT.
TO YOU, I WILL OFFER AN APPROPRIATE UGLY DEATH.
HUH..!?

IT IS A WELL-KNOWN THING THAT THERE ARE THORNS ON A BEAUTIFUL ROSE.....
HE HAS SEND TO OBLIVION WARRIORS OF AN UNKNOWN NUMBER UNTIL NOW WITH THAT FACE.....!!
A HIGH-PRIDED MAN DESCENDED FROM A LINEAGE OF FRENCH NOBLES. MICHELE THE BLACK ROSE.


I HAVE INPUTTED THE BATTLE ABILITY THAT HAS BEEN THE BASED ON THE BATTLES UNTIL NOW FOR THE MAN CALLED TOGASHI INTO THIS COMPUTER
AND THEN I COMPARE IT TO THE BATTLE ABILITY OF MICHELE AND ANALYZE, BRINGING OUT THE RESULT OF THE BATTLE!!

TURN YOUR EYES TO THIS INTERESTING THING, COMMANDER
!?

IN OTHER WORDS, THE CHANCE OF VICTORY IS ONLY 1/100,000 FOR THE MAN CALLED TOGASHI.
99.999%! THIS IS THE PROBABILITY THAT MICHELE WINS.
IT WAS, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE ANY WORRY!! MICHELE'S VICTORY WON'T HAVE A THING TO TREMBLE WITH DUE TO THIS!!
WELL, THAT'S THE RESULT FROM THE COMPUTER...
WHAT IS THE UNCERTAIN ELEMENT OF THE REMAINING 1/100,000 !?
I'M NOT PLEASED
WHY ISN'T THERE A 100% PROBABILITY.
!!

A MATCH ISN'T A THING THAT IS DONE WITH A FACE OR MOUTH ----!!
HE'S FUSSY! THIS SNOBBY MAN----!!
URYAA !!

I HAVE ONE MORE ADDITIONAL WORD OTHER THAN VULGAR AND RUDE FOR YOU
TOR YAA !!
THAT IS: NOVICE!!
WHAT'S THAT!?
400!!

I DO HATE
WH... WHAT ---!!
.....
HEH!
Y...YOU: WHAT DOES THAT MEAN---!
BESIDES, I DON'T WANT TO SEE WITH MY EYES A PERSON IN HIS UNDER-WEAR, THIS EXTREME OF FILTH
ANY FURTHER IS USELESS.
WH, WHAT, TH..THAT SNOB GUY IS STAND-ING WITH UNREA-SONABLE SKILL----!!
TO... TOGASHI --!!

ESSENTIALLY, THIS ISN'T A TECHNIQUE TO USED FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU, BUT I'LL SHOW THIS TO YOU!!
MEIOUTOU OUGI: KILLING ROSE FRAGRANCE!!
!!

GREAT!! YOU DOING FINE, TOGASHI----!
YOU'RE KNOCKING DOWN ALL OF THE FLOWERS RELEASED FROM MICHELE'S CAVE----!!
HEH, THESE THINGS ARE QUITE DUMB THINGS!!

KE, THOSE THINGS ARE AN OUGI? I HAVEN'T TAKEN ONE SCRATCH
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD ATTACH BLADES ON THE ROSES.
WH.. WHAT ……!?
THE PURPLE ROSE…, THAT IS THE SCENT OF DEATH ……!!
FUFU. YOU DON'T KNOW THE TRUE MEANING OF THE ROSES.

UH!!

WH_WHAT, I'M GETTING DIZZY.....!!
WH.WHAT.....!! TH_THE SCENT OF THE ROSES .....!?

GUOO ---!!
GYA !!
THIS SCENT WILL LURE YOU TO THE COUNTRY OF HADES.
THIS IS THE TRUTH PURPOSE OF BLACK ROSE FRA-GRANCE.
ONE MINUTE!
YOUR LIFE HAS ONE MINUTE LEFT....!!
WH... WHAT---! HOLD ON, TOGASHI ---!!
HO..HOW EXACTLY COULD IT HAVE COME TO THIS .....!?

TN:

LET ME JUST BREATHE THIS OUT FIRST: **ABOUT FRIGGIN TIME TOGASHI GETS A FIGHT ON HIS OWN AGAIN!!** DOES ANYONE EVEN REALIZE THAT WE'VE WAITED SINCE HIS FIGHT WITH SENKUU FOR ANOTHER SOLO PERFORMANCE BY PERHAPS THE MOST MANLY OF OTOKOJUKU'S MEN? (YEAH, TOGASHI IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE CHARACTERS, SO SUE ME)

THOUGH IT IS A TAD WEIRD/IRONIC/RIDICULOUS THAT HE'S FIGHTING YET ANOTHER "GIRLY-MAN" (CONSIDERING HIEN AND SENKUU WERE JUST LIKE MICHELE ONCE UPON A TIME), AT THIS POINT I'LL TAKE ANYTHING FOR HIM TO GET A REGULAR FIGHT THAT ISN'T A DOUBLE TEAM. (NOTHING WRONG WITH DOUBLE-TEAMS BUT SHARING TIME JUST FEELS LIKE IT ISN'T A PURE FIGHT FOR TOGASHI, EVEN IF IT IS. TORAMARU) OF COURSE, IT'S NOT LIKE MICHELE IS GOING TO BE EASY CONSIDERING HE'S A MEIOU ISLAND ELITE . BUT TOGASHI'S BEEN THROUGH THESE TYPES BEFORE AND SOMEHOW I KNOW HE'LL PULL THROUGH. BECAUSE HE'S TOGASHI.

YOU HAS ONE MINUTE LEFT TO LIVE..
HOO ---!!
IN THIS ONE MINUTE, LAMENT IN YOUR BAD LUCK IN COMING TO FIGHT ME.
HOO! HOW COULD IT BE THAT THE SCENT OF THE ROSE FLOWERS BE POISON---!!
HO... HOLD ON, TOGASHI!!
……
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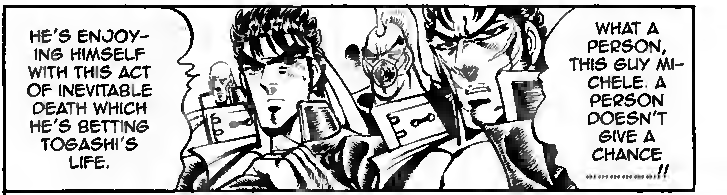
CHP. 211: COUNTDOWN TO DEATH!

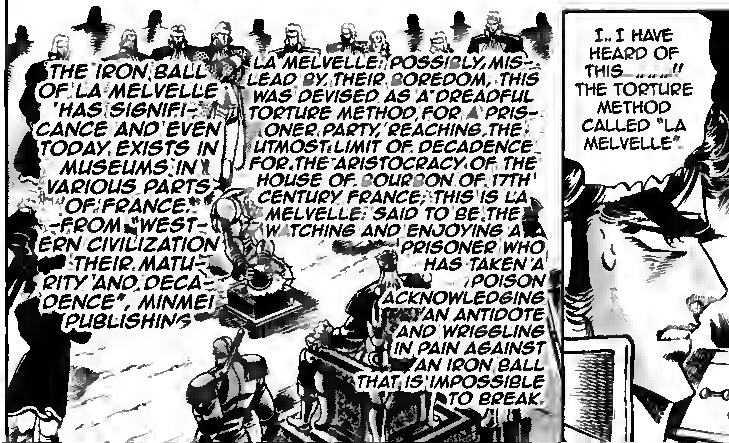
FU: IT'S FUTILE HOW MANY TIMES YOU GET UP IN THAT CONDITION.
GUWA!!
IT..IT'S COME TO THIS Y..YOU'RE COMING WITH ME----!!
Y..YOU: DO..DOING THIS MOCKING BEHAVIOR ----!!!
THIS IS THE ONLY KEY THAT WILL SAVE YOU.
I SHALL GIVE JUST ONE CHANCE TO YOU.
BUT HOLDING AN EASY MATCH LIKE THIS IS TOO WRETCHED EVEN FOR ME.
WH... WHAT .....!?

WELL, I GIVE YOU THIS
IN OTHER WORDS: IF YOU TAKE THIS, THEN YOU CAN BE SAVED.
INSIDE THIS IRON BALL IS INSERTED AN ANTIDOTE THAT GOES AGAINST THE POISON-INCENSE YOU'VE BREATHED
IT CAN'T BE BROKEN SO EASILY
BUT THEN, THIS IS AN IRON BALL THAT HAS A 5CM WALL THICKNESS
UOO ---!!

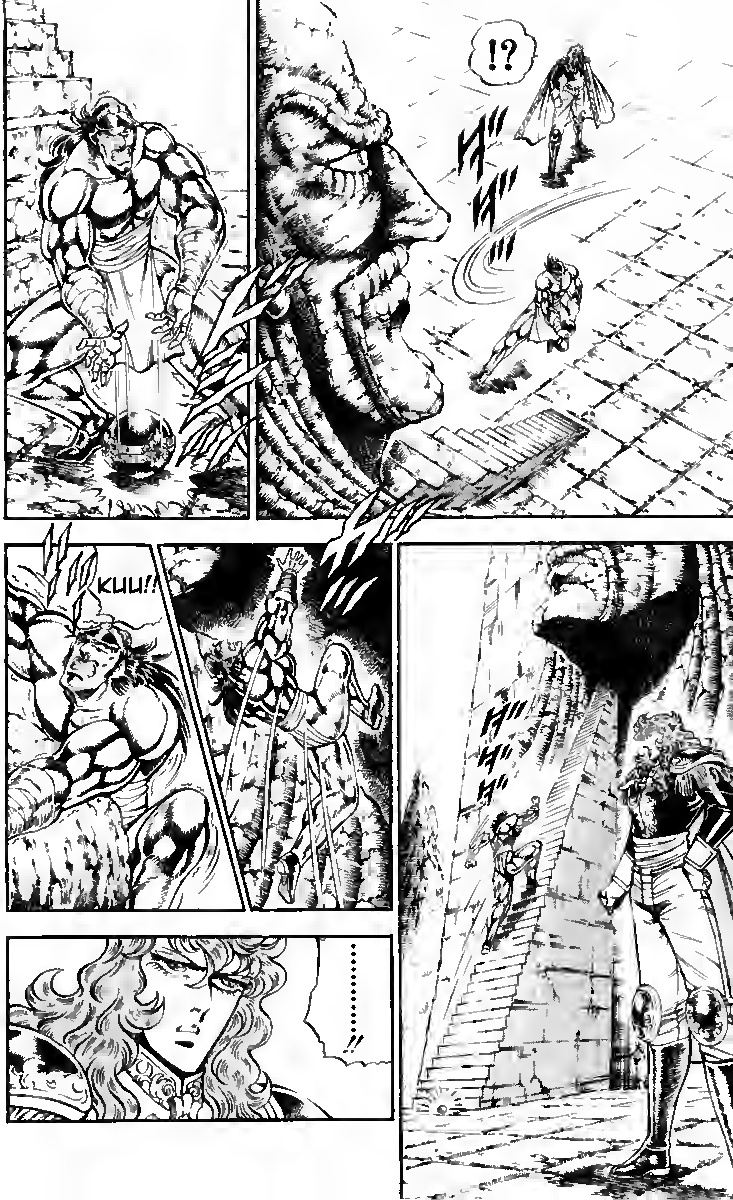
NUOO ---!!
TH...THIS IRON BALL IS SO HARD!!
Y...YOU A** HOLE ----!!

TO... TOGASHI, YOUR GUTS -----!!
FI...FIGHTING SPIRIT, PUT IN MUCH MORE FIGHTING SPIRIT----!!
THE COUNT-DOWN TO DEATH HAS ALREADY STARTED.
WELL, WHAT'S WRONG?


HE'S ENJOYING HIMSELF WITH THIS ACT OF INEVITABLE DEATH WHICH HE'S BETTING TOGASHI'S LIFE.
WHAT A PERSON, THIS GUY MICHELE. A PERSON DOESN'T GIVE A CHANCE .....!!


THE IRON BALL OF LA MELVELLE 'HAS SIGNIFICANCE AND EVEN TODAY, EXISTS IN MUSEUMS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF FRANCE.* -FROM "WESTERN CIVILIZATION THEIR MATURITY AND DECADENCE", MINMEI PUBLISHING
LA MELVELLE: POSSIBLY MISLEAD BY THEIR BOREDOM, THIS WAS DEVISED AS A DREADFUL TORTURE METHOD FOR A PRISONER PARTY, REACHING THE UTMOST LIMIT OF DECADENCE FOR THE ARISTOCRACY OF THE HOUSE OF BOURBON OF 17TH CENTURY FRANCE. THIS IS LA MELVELLE: SAID TO BE THE WATCHING AND ENJOYING A PRISONER WHO HAS TAKEN A POISON ACKNOWLEDGING AN ANTIDOTE AND WRIGGLING IN PAIN AGAINST AN IRON BALL THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BREAK.
I.. I HAVE HEARD OF THIS.....!! THE TORTURE METHOD CALLED "LA MELVELLE".

KUR
YAA
---!!
.....!!
FU, IT SEEMS YOU'VE GIVEN UP AT LAST
NOW YOU ALMOST REACH YOUR REMAINING TIME
DO.. DON'T MOCK ME .....!!
TO_TO TO-GASHI GENJI, OTOKOJUKU FIRST-YEAR, DON'T KNOW THE..THE WORDS "GIVE UP"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KUU!!

WH...WHAT IS HE DOING, THAT TO-GASHI---!!
HE'S SUDDENLY STARTING TO CLIMB THE TOUDOU STATUE ABOVE THE TOWER----!!

HERE WE GO---!!
WH..WHAT----!! HE JUMPED DOWN FROM THAT HIGH PLACE AIMING FOR THE IRON BALL BELOW----!

EVEN TOGASHI'S DO-OR-DIE DIVE IS USE-LESS----!!
AAH!! N...NO---! THE BALL IS STILL IN ONE PIECE----!!

!!
TRY TO BREAKING THE IRON BALL WITH THAT STUPID METHOD !!
FUFU, THAT WAS FOOLISH.

HEH, I.. I DID TRULY TAKE IT, THE ANTI-DOTE.....!!
ST. STUPID METHOD .....!?
HOO!! YOU'VE DONE IT, TOGASHI... YOU'VE BRILLIANTLY ESCAPED FROM THE COUNTDOWN TO DEATH----!
!!
TH. THIS IS A REAL BLOCK-HEAD, THAT'S WHAT IT IS.....!!
SO, YOU'VE PREPARED THE STONES UNDER YOUR HAT-----!!

TN: THE "BLOCKHEAD" HERE IS SORT OF A TWO-SIDED PUN. THE WORD TOGASHI USES HERE IS "ISHIATAMA", WHICH HAS A LITERAL MEANING OF "STONE-HEAD" OR "BLOCKHEAD", BUT IS ALSO USED FOR "AN INFLEXIBLE PERSON". BESIDES, ITS FUNNY HEARING TOGASHI CALL HIMSELF A BLOCKHEAD

CAN'T YOU THOR-OUGHLY BRING THIS TO END?
DO YOU INTEND TO PLAY FOR-EVER, MICHELE?
!?

WASTING TIME ON THIS SLUGGY FUN-DOSHI GUY OPPONENT IS UNFORGIVABLE
YOU MUST DO IT QUICKLY.

KILL HIM!!
SL... SLUGGY FUN-DOSHI GUY .....!!
CERTAIN-LY, COM-MANDER.

OOH!! GO, GOOO, COME AT ME!
WITH THIS, I CAN TAKE THIS MATCH IN AN INSTANT WITHOUT BEING ROUNDABOUT IN KILLING YOU WITH A SMELL ANY-MORE!!
THE TIPS OF THE THORNS AND STALKS OF THESE NEXT RED ROSES ARE SMEARED WITH A QUICK-ACTING DEADLY POISON THAT WILL DEFEAT AN ENEMY WITH EVEN A SCRATCH
MEIOUTOU OUGI: KILL-ING ROSE FRAGRANCE!!

THESE THINGS ARE DUMB ---!!

ARE YOU ACKNOWLEDGED IT'S USELESS NO MATTER HOW MANY POISON ROSES YOU THROW AT ME!!
HU-H? WHAT'S WRONG, OUT OF AMMO ALREADY?
NU!?

FU, FOOL... CONCENTRATING ON AVOIDING AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE THE PAIN.
PLEASE LOOK CLOSELY, AT YOUR OWN BACK.
WH, WHAT ...?
WH... WHAT ----!!
UOO ---!!
GUG YAA ---!!
TO... TO-GASHI ---!!
TOGASHI'S BEEN KILLED!!

NOW, WHO WILL IT BE. WHO WILL BE MY OPPONENT NEXT!?
FU, THE STATUS OF ME AND YOU WAS WAY TOO DIFFERENT AFTER ALL.
A, AREN'T YOU BEING A TAD QUICK ON THAT?
HOO !!

HEHHEHHE· I'VE. I'VE CAUGHT YOU
LO..LOOK CLOSELY, AT THE ROSE THAT STABBED INTO MY BACK...!!
TH...THIS THING IS A PURPLE ROSE THROWN BY YOU AT THE START WAS DYED WITH BLOOD, TURNING IT RED...
IN...IN OTHER WORDS, I STABBED MYSELF WITH THIS.....!!
YOU MISUNDERSTOOD WITH THE ONES YOU THREW AND MADE YOU NEGLIGENT.
Y...YOU .....!!
BE RELIEVED THAT THIS SONNY HAS HIS BALLY-BALLS
SO. YOU REALLY ARE A MAN, WITH THIS, I DON'T HESITATE TO CRUSH YOU!!
UGUOO !!

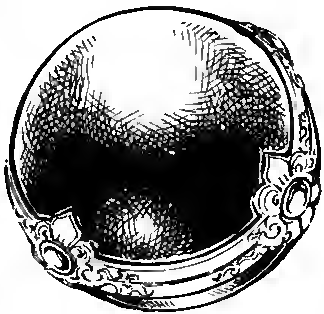
TN:

YOU KNOW, FOR SOME FUNNY REASON I ACTUALLY SORT OF WISH THAT MICHELE WAS EXACTLY LIKE LADY OSCAR AND WAS A WOMAN FIGHTING AS A MAN ON THE MEIOU ISLAND TEAM. IT PROBABLY WOULD END UP BEING THE ULTIMATE MOCKERY FOR TOGASHI ON ONE HAND, BUT LIKEWISE IT WOULD PROVE THAT THERE CAN BE FEMALE BRAWLERS AS WELL.

BUT JUST AS WELL, HAVING TOGASHI CRUSH MICHELE'S TESTICLES MAY JUST MAKE HIM MORE WOMANLY EVENTUALLY. PERHAPS. ONE THING I DO LIKE ABOUT THIS CHAPTER IS SOMETHING THAT DATE HIMSELF BRINGS UP THAT HAS BEEN A CONSISTENT PROBLEM IN THIS SERIES. THE ENEMY GIVING THEIR OPPONENT A CHANCE JUST TO PLAY WITH THEIR EMOTIONS LIKE THERE IS A CHANCE FOR THEM TO WIN.

I GUESS SOME COULD PERHAPS SAY THAT THE VILLAINS DO THIS TO ALLOW THE ENEMY TO HAVE A MEANS TO HAVE A COME-FROM-BEHIND VICTORY, BUT PERSONALLY I THINK THIS IS JUST PART OF MIYASHITA'S SATIRE. WITH VILLAINS GIVING HEROES A CHANCE, IT JUST SORT OF SHOWS THE HEROES SPITTING IN THEIR FACE WHEN THEY DO ACTUALLY SUCCEED. OF COURSE, WITH TOGASHI BEING THE BLOCKHEAD THAT HE IS, HAVING HIM DEFEAT THE IRON-PLATED BALL BY SMASHING IT WITH HIS HEAD NOT ONLY PROVES THAT. BUT JUST SHOWS WHY TOGASHI IS ONE OF THE BEST CHARACTERS, ONE WHO JUST FIGURES THINGS OUT ON THE FLY TO WIN INSTEAD OF JUST GOING WITH STYLE OR SUBSTANCE OF A KENPO ABILITY.

AND ISN'T THAT WHAT OTOKOJUKU IS ABOUT?



HEHHEHE SO, WHAT WILL YOU DO MICHELE-CHAN?
YOU WANT ME TO CRUSH IT?
OR YOU WANT TO ADMIT YOUR DEFEAT?
YOU ONLY HAVE TWO CHOICE!!
UGHOO ----!!
WAHHAHA! G...GREAT, TOGASHI---!! THIS IS *KENKA SAITOU OUGI: KINTAMA TSUBUSHI----!
DON'T CARE ABOUT HIM; JUST CRUSH IT----!!
*SEE NOTE
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OR DO YOU REALLY WANT TO BECOME A WOMAN -----!!
GUKU!!
IT'S FUTILE REGARDLESS OF ANYTHING YOU TRY TO PULL!! BECAUSE I WON'T LET MY HAND GO NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO ME!
ANSWER ME---!!
.....!!
HUH!?
DI..DID YOU THINK YOU COULD DEFEAT ME WITH THIS?
F..FOOL
.....

UH!!
!!
OOH!!
WH...WHAT IS THIS!?
FU, THE TIP OF THIS ROSE IS SMEARED WITH A POWERFUL MUSCLE RELAXANT
YOU'LL LOOSE YOUR GRIP!!

HAA!!
AAH---- DAMN, WHAT IS THIS----!!
TH..THE FINALLY CAUGHT MICHELE HAS ESCAPED ----!!
Y... YOU ----!!

GUO!!
MEIOUTOU OUGI: KILL-ING ROSE DANCING!!
NOW, WHY WOULD YOU THROW THESE THINGS INTO MY LEGS!!
HEH, A...AGAIN WITH ROSE ATTACKS!!
CHI!!

DO YOU KNOW THE STORY OF THE DANCING GIRL WHO PUT ON THE MAGIC RED TOE SHOES*.....!!
HUH ---!?
I WON'T MERELY KILL YOU, I WILL PRESENT THE MOST ATROCIOUS DEATH TO YOU
I AM MICHELE THE BLACK ROSE, DESCENDANT OF A LINEAGE OF FRENCH NOBLES..I'VE NEVER TASTED HUMILIATION TO THIS EXTENT.

*SEE NOTE

FUFU: YOU NOW ARE WEARING THESE MAGIC RED SHOES!!
THE GIRL WHO WORE THEM GOT HER DREAM GRANTED, BUT APPEARED TO DANCE IN ECSTASY TO HER DEATH WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO TAKE OFF THOSE SHOES EVER AGAIN; YES: TO HER DEATH.....!
THEY WERE RED TOE SHOES OBTAINED BY A GIRL AIMING TO BE A PRIMA DONNA IN BALLET FROM A WITCH IN EXCHANGE FOR HER SOUL.....
WH WHAT .....!?

HOO!!
WH...
WHAT---!!
WHAT IS
GOING
ON----!
MY...MY FEET
ARE MOVING ON
THEIR OWN
----!!

I...I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO STOP IT, HEY----!!
FUFU. HAVE WE COME TO THE END?
MY...MY FEET ARE UNREASONABLY MOVING!!
WOO: E...EVEN IF I TRY TO STOP THEM, THEY WON'T STOP ----!!
YOU CAN ONLY DANCE IN ECSTASY UNTIL YOU DIE!!
I VARNISHED A DRUG THAT PUTS OUT OF ORDER THE CENTRAL NERVES OF THE MUSCLES ON THE ROSE I STABBED YOUR LEGS WITH EARLIER.
WH... WHAT ---!!

GUWA!!
WOO! I...I'M CRASHING INTO THE WALL-----!!
WH...WHAT!! IT STILL MOVING ON ITS OWN?
OOH !!
GUGE !!

A WA WA WA ---- !!
NO, THE EFFECT OF THE DRUG HAS A LIMIT.
BU..BUT IT'S A MATTER OF TIME OF HIS LEGS MISSING ITS FOOTING FROM THE CLIFF.
WH...WHAT IS THIS: TOGASHI WILL CONTINUE TO DANCE LIKE THAT UNTIL HE DIES---!!
DA...DAMN THAT MICHELE GHY; HE...HE USED AN OUTRAGEOUS TECHNIQUE---!!
TO... TOGASHI'S FALLING DOWN ----!!
HII --- !!
BELOW IS THE SEA OF LAVA, THE DEPTHS OF HELL.
FUFU. IS THAT FINE? THERE IS THE ABYSS OF DEATH .....!!

KUO !!
HO...HOW ABOUT THIS?
FU, QUICK THINKING, STRIKING YOUR DOSU TO THE GROUND AND STOPPING THE MOVE-MENT

I SHALL PRESENT LIBERATION FROM YOUR AGONY INSTANTLY WITH THIS SWORD.
ANY FURTHER IS JUST UNSIGHTLY
THIS IS WHAT IS CALLED THE SOUL OF A NOBLE'S CHIVALRY.
FU, BUT MY ANGER IS STEADILY CLEARING AWAY WATCHING YOUR UNSHAPELY APPEARANCE.
WH..WHAT!? I..I CAN'T TAKE IT OUT!!
A...AS LONG AS I STILL HAVE THIS DOSU...
THE...THE SPIRIT OF OTOKOJUKU WON'T LOSE TO...TO THAT...!!
HO..HOW COULD AN A**HOLE HAVE THE SPIRIT OF A NOBLE'S CHIVALRY..!!

DIE
---!!
NUGAA
!!
HOU.
UGUGU
!!

THIS SWORD SHALL BE GIVEN TO YOU.
SORYAA----!!
WHA!!
HE... HE'S BEEN KILLED----!! TOGASHI'S FALLING FROM THE CLIFF----!
UOO!!

TH...THAT DUMMY.....!!
TO. TO GASHI .....!!
BUT THERE ISN'T A MEANS TO BE SAVED FALLING FROM HERE
FUFU, YOU WERE STRONG UNTIL THE END OF ENDS.
MU!!
!!

EVEN SO, THIS WASN'T A BATTLE THAT WAS LIKE YOU AT ALL.
IT'S OVER AT LAST, MICHELE THE BLACK ROSE.

COM-MANDER, THOSE ARE YOUR WORDS BUT..
THIS MAN TOGASHI WAS BY NO MEANS EVEN A NOVICE OR SLUDGE.

YOU TOOK YOUR TIME LIKE SUCH WITH A NOVICE SLUDGE THAT HAD NO TECHNIQUE AT ALL AND CHAL-LENGED YOU WITH OLD-FASHION IDEALIZED PER-SISTENCE.
FU, AT ANY RATE, IT WAS YOU YOU WANTED TO PLAY AROUND WITH HIM AND YET THAT HAP-PENED

WHAT ...!?

!!
HE... HE'S A GREAT MAN...
WH... WHAT ---!!
MI...MICHELE'S SWORD IS PIERCED INTO HIS CHEST---!!
HE..HE PRETENDED TO NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE OUT HIS DOSU AND HUNG TO THAT AS HIS LIFE-LINE...!!
SP SPLENDID.

TH...THAT DUMMY, WHAT IS WITH THAT MISUNDERSTANDING!! TH...THE POSU IS REALLY CAN'T COME OUT AND CAUGHT ONTO MY FUNDOSHI UNEXPECTEDLY!
BU...BUT, LUCK IS MY OWN TRUE POWER!!

TN:

PEOPLE CAN LEARN THINGS FROM TOGASHI IN JUST HOW TO HANDLE A FIGHT. SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO HAVE GUTS..AND SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO HAVE LUCK. THE FACT THAT TOGASHI WAS LITERALLY PREPARED TO DIE WHILE TRYING ANY MEANS TO KILL MICHELE WAS A NICE FACTOR, LEADING TO HIM STABBING HIM WITH HIS OWN SWORD.

BUT OF COURSE..THE FACT THAT TOGASHI WOULD GET HIS FUNDOSHI STUCK IN HIS OWN DOSU EVEN THOUGH HE DIDN'T PLAN FOR ANY OF IT (EITHER THE DOSU GETTING COMPLETELY STUCK IN THE GROUND AFTER STOPPING HIS DANCING OR THE FUNDOSHI GETTING CAUGHT IN IT) IS ANOTHER TOGASHI MATTER. SOMEHOW HIS LUCK JUST ALWAYS GETS IN THE WAY OF HIS GUTS LEADING TO A LOT OF HIS GREATEST MOMENTS.

THEN AGAIN, SOME PROBABLY COULD ALSO BLAME MICHELE HIMSELF FOR TOGASHI'S WIN CONSIDERING HOW LONG HE TOYED WITH HIM INSTEAD OF, SAY, JUST LETTING HIM DIE WITH THE POISONOUS FLOWERS, BUT I WENT INTO THAT IN THE PREVIOUS CHAPTER. HEY, JUST REMEMBER THAT TOGASHI PROBABLY WOULD HAVE FOUND A WAY REGARDLESS SO IT'S NOT LIKE MICHELE COULD DO MUCH AND MERELY JUST SPED UP THE MEANS BY WHICH IT WAS DONE.

BUT WHAT'S DONE IS DONE AND NOW. IT'S MERELY A MATTER OF SOMEONE GETTING BACK UP IN THE END. (WHETHER MICHELE GETTING THAT SWORD OUT OF HIM..OR TOGASHI GETTING HIS FUNDOSHI UNCAUGHT AND DIVING RIGHT INTO THAT LAVA)

TN FROM PAGE 149:

1. AS EXPLAINED IN ANOTHER CHAPTER, "KENKA SAPPOU", TOGASHI'S 'STYLE', IS "BRAWLING KILLING METHOD", WHICH PRETTY MUCH PERFECTLY PERSONIFY TOGASHI'S WAYS

2. "KINTAMA TSUBUSHI" = "TESTICLE SMASH", IT IS EASILY TRANSLATABLE BUT CONSIDERING THE PREVIOUS PATTERNS I DECIDED NOT TO

TN FROM PAGE 155:

A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THE STORY TOLD HERE. "THE RED SHOES" IS A FAIRY TAIL ORIGINALLY WRITTEN BY FAMED DANISH STORYTELLER HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN.

IN THE ORIGINAL VERSION OF THE TALE THE GIRL ALREADY POSSESSED THE SHOES AND MERELY WORE THEM AS PART OF A VAIN, UNPIOUS LIFESTYLE WHEN SHE STARTED HER "DANCE TO THE DEATH", SHE ULTIMATELY ONLY WAS ABLE TO STOP BY CHOPPING OFF HER OWN FEET.

THE ORIGINAL TALE ALSO ULTIMATELY FINDS THE GIRL FINDING GOD AND "DYING IN ECSTASY" DUE TO THE CONTINUED INTRUSION OF THE SHOES IN HER LIFE, BUT THE BALLET VERSION OF THE TALE IS A SIMILARLY WELL KNOWN VERSION OF THE STORY, MOSTLY DUE TO A NOTABLE 1948 BRITISH FILM BASED ON THE STORY DIRECTED BY MICHAEL POWELL

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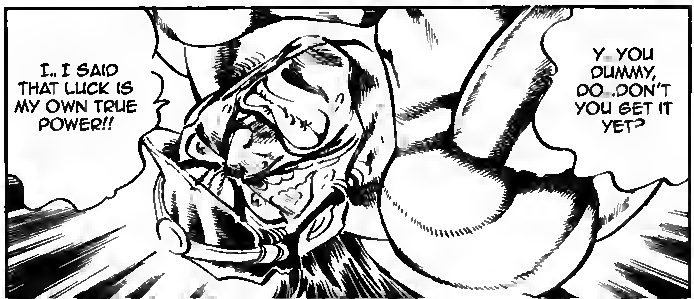
IT WAS SURELY A MIRACLE THAT HIS FUNDOSHI ALSO UNEXPECTEDLY GOT ENTANGLED ON HIS DOSU THAT COULDN'T COME OUT----!
HE...HE DID IT: TOGASHI'S GREAT COME-FROM-BEHIND BIG UPSET!!


I.. I SAID THAT LUCK IS MY OWN TRUE POWER!!
Y.. YOU DUMMY, DO..DON'T YOU GET IT YET?

第1位 伊達臣人 2,596票
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2ND: TSURUGI MOMOTAROU: 1711 VOTES
3RD: HIEN: 807 VOTES
4TH: RAIDEN: 368 VOTES
5TH: J: 305 VOTES
6TH: GEKKOU: 301 VOTES
7TH: AKASHI GOUJI: 270 VOTES
8TH: DAIGOUIN JAKI: 246 VOTES
9TH: TOGASHI GENJI: 227 VOTES
10TH: RASETSU: 193 VOTES
RUNNER UP: 11TH: TORAMARU RYUUJI: 182 VOTES
WH...WHAT; HOW COULD IT HAVE COME TO THIS?
第3回キャラクター人気投票発表!!
応募総数 9,274通
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE MANY APPLICATIONS! THE RANKS OF 12TH AND BELOW WILL BE DONE THROUGH NEXT:
12TH: EIKEI: 174 VOTES
13TH: SENKUU: 166 VOTES
14TH: MANJIMARU: 132 VOTES
15TH: EDAJIMA HEIHACHI: 130 VOTES
16TH: BARON DINO: 77 VOTES
17TH: THE THREE MONKEYS: 54 VOTES
18TH SHOUKAKU: 44 VOTES
19TH: HAKUHOU: 36 VOTES
20TH: SANEN: 26 VOTES
3RD CHARACTER POPULARITY POLL ANNOUNCEMENT!! TOTAL APPLICATIONS: 9274 LETTERS!

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CHP. 213: THE ESSENCE OF A YOUNG MAN!!

RI...RIGHT I'M GOING NOW!!
WE...WELL, CLIMB UP QUICKLY, TOGASHI---!!
ARE YOU GOING TO BE DANGLING IN THAT PLACE FOREVER----!!

A MAN SUCH AS MICHELE THE BLACK ROSE TO LOSE BY A MAN LIKE HIM.....!!
SURELY, THE WORD TO DESCRIBE THIS IS ONLY "BAD LUCK".

FU, BUT HIS LUCK HAS ALREADY RUN OUT.
SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN THIS.
THAT 1/10000000TH UNCERTAIN ELEMENT THAT WAS CALCULATED BY THE COMPUTER BEFORE THE BATTLE..
PLEASE LOOK AT HIS LIFELINE!!
HUH!!
!?
WHAT ----!!

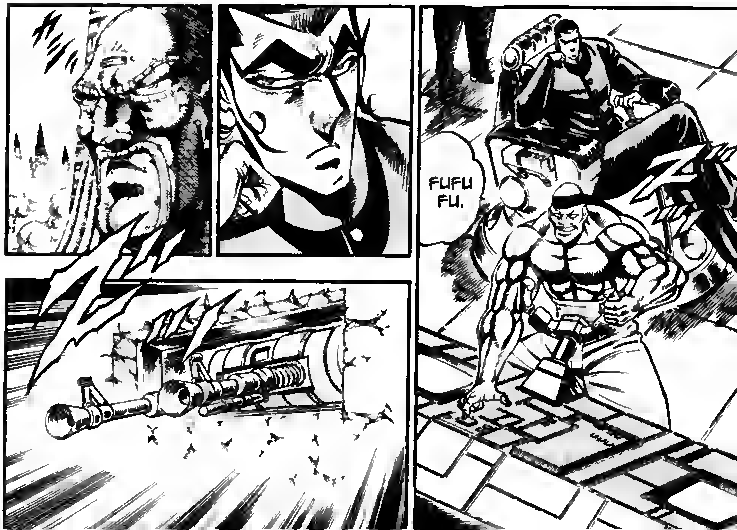
TO... TO-GASHI ---!!
CL... CLIMB UP, QUICKLY CLIMB UP---!!
WOO! DA...DAMN, WHAT'S GOING ON---!!
TH...THAT A**HOLE IT'S EASIER SAID THAN DONE---!!
I..I'VE COME TO MY LAST MOMENT AND SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN AFTER ALL----!!
THE...THE FUNDOSHI IS...BEGIN TO TORN!!
N...NO---!! IT'S NOT ENOUGH TIME----!

TO-
GASHI
---!!
FUFU, A THING LIKE THAT IS THE END OF THE SLUDGE AFTER ALL.
KUOO
!!
PL...PLEASE TAKE CARE THE REST!!
OTOKOJUKU BANZAI
----!!

UH!!
WH...
WHAT--!!
YOU---!!
HUH!!
WE...WELL, QU...QUICKLY CLIMB UP... TO...TOGASHI...!!

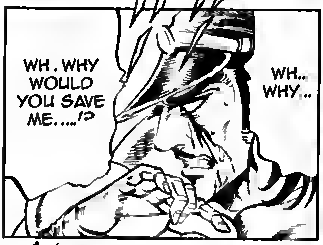
WH...WHAT IS THIS, WHAT'S GOING ON----!!
THAT MICHELE ISN'T DEAD YET!! AND HE INTENDS ON SAVING TOGASHI----!
WH. WHY ARE YOU HESITATING?
I..I ALMOST DON'T HAVE THE POWER LEFT IN ME ANYMORE.....!!
QU. QUICKLY GE..GET UP HERE
BE. BEFORE THIS LIFE COME TO AN END.....
.....
YES, THAT'S FINE.....!!

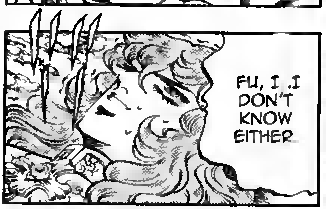
LEAVE HIS DISPOSAL TO ME!!
THIS IS A SERIOUS TRAITOROUS ACT, COMMANDER!!
THAT MICHELE'S UNNECESSARY BEHAVIOR TO RESCUING THE LIFE OF THAT SLUDGE WHO WAS HIS ENEMY!!
HAS HE LOST HIS MIND?


FUFU FU.

DIE, TRAI- TOR ----!
!!

YOU WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND THE PRIDE AND STRONG SPIRIT OF MEN WHO FOUGHT BETTING THEIR LIVES ARE NOT QUALIFIED FOR THE MEIOU ISLAND 16-WARRIORS!!
THE SLUDGE IS YOU!!
HOOO, WH...WHAT ARE YOU DOING COM-MANDER---!!


WH..WHY WOULD YOU SAVE ME....!?
WH.. WHY..


FU, I..I DON'T KNOW EITHER

BU..BUT, I'M CERTAIN YOU WOULD DO THE SAME IF YOU IN MY POSITION.
TH..THAT IS UNDERSTOOD BY ME . . . . Y..YOU TOO ARE SUCH A MAN.
SO..SO, PLEASE GO, THROW YOUR CHEST OUT.
Y..YOU WON AGAINST MICHELE THE BLACK ROSE . . . !!
I..I DON'T HAVE REGRETS.
I..I'M PROUD IN FIGHTING A PERSON LIKE YOU. . . .
. . . . . !!

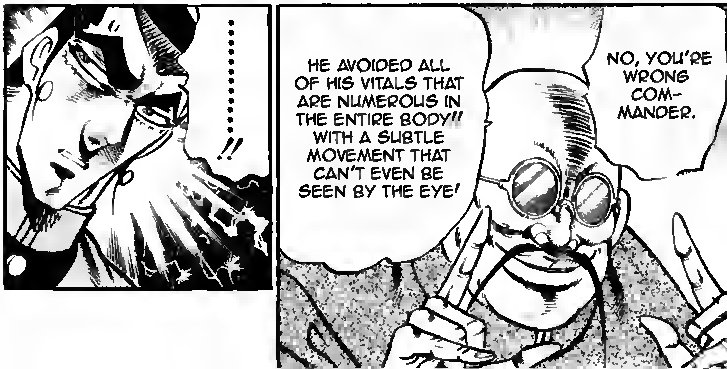
MICHELE... YOU WERE A TRUE MAN...!!
YES BUSHIDO, CHIVALRY. THEIR NAMES ARE VARIOUS, BUT YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE WAY OF LIVING AS A TRUE MAN ANYWHERE THROUGH THE WORLD..!!
HE'S A SPLENDID MAN EVEN THOUGH HE'S AN ENEMY, MICHELE THE BLACK ROSE ....

THIS IS, THIS IS THE COMMANDER.
WE'RE HUMBLED THAT YOU'VE COME TO MEIOU ISLAND'S UNDERGROUND BATTLE TRAINING FACILITY!!
83
82
81
MICHELE THE BLACK ROSE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN DEFEATED.
BUT PLEASE BE CALM, WE'VE ALREADY PREPARED FOR THE NEXT ONE.

NU!!
GO AHEAD. PLEASE, LOOK TRY THIS MAN..!!

THE COUNTLESS NEEDLES THAT HAVE BEEN SHARPENED ON THE WALLS OF THIS ROOM WILL COME TO SET OFF FROM ALL DIRECTIONS WITH ONE SWITCH.
WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN THEY FIRE AIMING FOR THAT MAN SITTING IN THE CENTER.....!?
DUMMY, HOW CAN HE AVOID THAT MANY NEEDLES FROM POINT-BLANK RANGE IN THAT SMALL ROOM!?
FUFU, SO THEN I'LL SHOW YOU.

.....!!
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS!?
THAT MAN WAS STABBED OVER HIS ENTIRE BODY BY ALL OF THE NEEDLES WITHOUT AVOIDING THEM."


.....!!
HE AVOIDED ALL OF HIS VITALS THAT ARE NUMEROUS IN THE ENTIRE BODY!! WITH A SUBTLE MOVEMENT THAT CAN'T EVEN BE SEEN BY THE EYE!
NO, YOU'RE WRONG COM-MANDER.

HIS NAME IS RAJA MAHAL!!
HE IS THE STRONGEST WARRIOR IN HISTORY THAT HAS MASTERED THE SECRET PATH OF RAJA YOGA, A MYSTERY OF PRESENT TIMES THAT WAS HANDED DOWN IN INDIA!!
AS PROOF, NOT EVEN A SINGLE DROP OF BLOOD IS FLOWING WHILE STABBING BY NEEDLES THAT DEEP.
OF COURSE, HE ISN'T FEELING ANY PAIN!!

TN:

I HAVE A LOT TO SAY ABOUT RAJA MAHAL, IN PARTICULAR IN CONNECTION TO ANOTHER FIGHTING GAME CHARACTER (SORT OF LIKE HOW I COMPARED SENKUU WITH BENIMARU). BUT I'LL GET INTO HIM (AND ANOTHER WEIRD REVELATION I MADE THAT WILL TIE INTO THIS) WHEN WE START HIS FIGHT.

MEANWHILE, THIS CHAPTER SHOWS THAT THERE ARE STUPID CREEPS WHO EXIST EVEN AMONG THE SUPPOSEDLY HONORABLE FACTION THAT EXISTS IN GOUKI'S TEAM, PARTICULARLY WITH THAT IDIOT IN THE HEADBAND. I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHY HE WOULD BE ON THE MEIOU ISLAND TEAM. BUT GOOD THAT HE'S GONE BEFORE HE FIGHTS CONSIDERING HE PROBABLY WAS WASTING UP SPACE FOR SOMEONE MORE INTERESTING.

MEANWHILE, I DO LIKE THE RESPECT THAT MICHELE WAS GIVEN UPON HIS PASSING, CONSIDERING THAT EVEN SOMEONE AS HIGH-PRIDED AS HIM COULD GET A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE OF THINGS ONCE SEEING THEM IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT. ONCE TOGASHI PROVED HIS MATERIAL IN COMBAT, HE SHOWED HIM THE TRUTH AND MICHELE CHOSE TO RESPECT HIM INSTEAD OF CONTINUING TO CONSIDER HIM TRASH. HECK, EVEN GOUKI SEEMS TO HAVE A BETTER OPINION OF TOGASHI AFTER THIS CONSIDERING THAT HE PROTECTED BOTH HIM AND MICHELE.

THEN AGAIN, WHILE I'M STILL UPSET THAT TOGASHI DIDN'T REALLY GET ANY REAL FIGHTS TO HIMSELF PRIOR TO THIS, I'M HAPPY THAT HE DID GET ONE OTOKOJUKU VICTORY (IN HIS OWN BIZARRE WAY) AND WE CAN MOVE ON TO THE NEXT OF THE MEIOU ISLAND FIGHTERS. WHICH IS THAT YOGA MAN I'LL GO FURTHER INTO NEXT TIME.

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